

## Secret Societies - 1916

### Kentucky Pythians, and the Obstacle the Bosses Must Face.

The stalwart question that faces the Knights of Pythias of Kentucky, the present bill before the Kentucky Legislature, if passed, will force each lodge to forfeit \$100,000 (One Hundred Thousand Dollars). This will, no doubt, knock the K. of P's into oblivion. The purpose of the lodge is to take care of the sick and bury the dead. The erection of the \$125,000 building in Louisville has almost drained the treasury. A tax of five dollars a head has been placed upon them by the administration "bosses." Twenty-seven lodges were not represented at the last grand lodge at Harrodsburg, where the birth of the Negro exposition first formed its ray of light. Though something Kentucky should be proud of, other states have celebrated, and why not us? A five-cornered grand chancellor race is now brewing throughout Kentucky. Messrs. J. V. I. Washington, the first G. C. of the state, is now asking "mama" for some more of the bacon; Lawyer L. R. Diggs, of Frankfort, who got the "dagger" by the administration "bosses", is also a candidate. He is state attorney for this order. George H. Minnis, of Lexington, the well-known blacksmith whose friends have brought out, with a motto a business man for a business administration. Lawyer W. H. Wright of Louisville, who has never been honored with this position, is now an applicant. Prof. J. B. Caulder, of Lexington, seems to have the inside track; seems to be backed by the administration "bosses."

### TRUE REFORMERS ELECT MR.

#### WOODSON GRAND MASTER.

*Richmond Planet 9-23-16*

At the Grand Fountain, or national convention of the colored insurance society, the United Order of True Reformers, which has been in session in Richmond during the past week, the following grand officers were chosen: W. S. Woodson, of Staunton, grand worthy master; A. D. Purnell, of Philadelphia, grand vice-master (re-elected); L. L. Stanard, of Richmond, grand worthy secretary; Dr. W. H. Smith, of Richmond, grand worthy treasurer (re-elected); L. D. Hodges, of Montgomery, W. Va., grand worthy mistress (re-election), and Rev. R. G. Adams, of Farmville, grand worthy chaplain. L. L. Stanard, of Richmond, is the first woman ever elected to the office of grand worthy secretary.

The officers of deputy general and Rosebud lecturer were re-created.

The board of directors chosen at the meeting consists of W. S. Woodson, A. D. Purnell, L. L. Stanard, Dr. W. H. Smith, L. D. Hodge, Rev. S. S. Morris, George W. Bragg, L. B. Moore, Rev. A. S. Thomas, Irvin East, J. R. Wilson, T. T. Traynham, Sarah J. Winters, Susan Vaughan and Lee Trent. The executive committee, which is to meet every week, is composed of W. S. Woodson, S. S. Morris, Irvin East, J. R. Miller, T. T. Traynham, L. L. Stanard and Dr. W. H. Smith.

## MASONIC BODIES IN LEGAL FIGHT

*Chicago Defender*

### National Organization Denies Right of State to Name of "Masons"—Fight Taken Into Court.

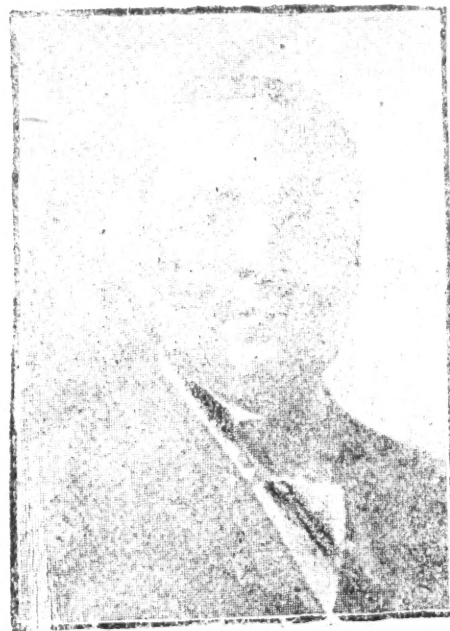
Columbus, O., Feb. 11.—Two high Masonic bodies began last week their struggle to determine the right to use the word "Mason" and all that it comprehends in the common pleas court. The suit was filed by the Most Worshipful National Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the United States, through its attorneys, Emmett Tompkins and Graham Deuwell, against the Most Worshipful Grand Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons, of the state of Ohio. The petition recites that the national organization was established in Revolutionary times in Boston, under a charter from England, that it was formally organized in 1858, and that the Ohio organization was established in 1888 and has been declared spurious by the national organization. The petition requests that it be enjoined from using the word Masons, and that it be dissolved and the property which it held prior to severing from the national organization be turned over to the national organization.

### Emanuel Commandery Wins "Brings Home the Bacon" from Chicago by Winning First Prize \$250.00 in the Knights Templar Competitive Drill Contest.

Emanuel Commandery Drill Team attended the International Conference of Knights Templars at Chicago, Ill., last week and won the first prize in the drill contest. Their alignment was perfect and Geo. A. Johnson, Captain General, had his men under good control and with the assistance of that gallant and soldierly Senior Warden, Sam M. Winston, Emanuel brought back the well deserved honors which makes them the best drill team in America. Hurrah for Emanuel Drill team. The following members of the Emanuel Commandery were present: Geo. A. Johnson, L. Partette, W. C. Mallory, Wm. Richardson, Dr. Cooper, L. L. Shephard, Columbus Jones, Wm. Tooley, W. T. Barbour, John Powell, F. C. Scott, W. D. Lewis, W. E. Baker, Joe Owens, S. M. Winston, H. W. Hart, Frank Martin, Simon Lee, C. R. Brace, R. J. Moore, Chas. Gillis, Thos. Jones, Thos. Watson, M. Trummel, W. T. Jones, Ralph Bass, O. Greene, Mose Daniels, W. G. Mosely, N. C. Crews, Henry Fowler.

## MORRIS RE-ELECTED G. M.

*The Guardian 9-23-16*  
AT 18TH B. M. C. IN WASHINGTON, D. C.—HARMONIOUS AND SUCCESSFUL SESSION—NEW YORK CITY NEXT TIME—BEN DAVIS AND LINK JOHNSON ABSENT.—DR. ROBERTS OF BOSTON RE-ELECTED TO S. C. M.



HON. E. H. MORRIS  
Of Chicago—Re-elected Grand Master of the G. U. O. O. F. of America at Big 18th B. M. C. Which Was Carried Through With Harmony in Absence of Ben Davis Last Week at Washington, D. C.

Washington, D. C., Sept. 18, 1916—At the eighteenth B. M. C. the officers elected for the next two years are: Grand Master, E. H. Morris, Illinois; Deputy Grand Master, Julius C. Johnson, Maryland; Grand Secretary, James F. Needham, Pennsylvania; Grand Treasurer, W. David Brown, New York; Grand Directors, J. H. Johnson, North Carolina; Geo. H. Mays, Florida; Dr. I. L. Roberts, Massachusetts; A. T. Shirley, Virginia; B. V. Baranco, Louisiana; Grand Auditors, J. M. Miller, New Jersey, Dr. C. C. Johnson, South Carolina, and E. H. Burke, Georgia.

## FRATERNAL ORGANIZATION ERECTS \$50,000 TEMPLE

Albany, Ga., Aug. 18.—Race citizens are behind the construction of two large buildings that are going up in Albany at this time. One is the \$50,000 temple of the Supreme Circle of Benevolence, a big Race fraternal organization that has its headquarters here, and the other is a building that is being added to the equipment of the Albany Bible and Manual Training Institute, a large school for Race students, located in East Albany. The last named structure is a reproduction of the new white public school building at Donalsonville.

## ELKS' GRAND LODGE MEETING.

*The Palatka Advocate 8/12/16*  
Noted Fraternity to Convene in Philadelphia Aug. 20.

Philadelphia.—Big preparations are being made here for the annual convention of the grand lodge of the Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, which opens here on Aug. 20 with a sermon by the grand chaplain, the Rev. James E. Churchman of Orange, N. J. The initial business session will be held at St. Peter's Clever hall, Lombard and Twelfth streets, Monday, Aug. 21. The same evening formal welcoming exercises will take place.

A big street parade will take place Tuesday evening at Point Breeze park. A number of events will take place at the park, at which prizes will be awarded lodges and bands. Other social events, including a reception to visiting Elk ladies, will take place.

Interest centers in the election of a grand exalted ruler to succeed T. Gilles Nutter of Charleston, W. Va. Armond Scott of Washington, T. W. Fleming of Cleveland, J. H. Randolph of Virginia and George W. F. McMechen of Baltimore are among those mentioned for grand exalted ruler. Mr. McMechen is the present grand esteemed leading knight, being elected at Chicago in 1915. He has received assurances of support from all parts of the country, a goodly number of sponsors proclaiming him to be the logical candidate.

Attorney McMechen is a native of West Virginia. He received his education at Morgan college, Baltimore, and the law school of Yale university, graduating from the latter institution in 1898. He is the junior member of the law firm of Hawkins and McMechen, Baltimore. This firm has handled much important litigation.

Lawyer McMechen is a Mason, past grand chancellor of the Maryland and grand lodge of Knights of Pythias, Order of Moses and other fraternities. He was a candidate for the Baltimore city council in 1915, making a flattering run. Baltimore Elks hope to land the 1918 session of the grand lodge.

## NEGRO PYTHIANS BUY \$150,000 NEW BIRMINGHAM BLDG

(Special to the Advertiser)  
DECATUR, ALA., August 11—Acting upon the recommendation of Grand E. Weatherless, Messrs. Charles D. Chancellor, R. A. Mount, of Birmingham, the Grand Lodge of Knights of Pythias decided to purchase the building of the Alabama Penny Prudential savings bank in Birmingham. The building is worth \$150,000. Grand court of Calanthe, headed by Carrie A. Tuggle, will take part in the purchase.

## A BRIEF SYNOPSIS OF AN INTERESTING SESSION OF THE TEXAS AS NEGRO FRATERNAL CONGRESS, WACO, OCTOBER, 1916.

*Dallas Express 12-2-16*

The Texas Negro Fraternal Congress convened in the city of Waco, October 11, 1916. The President M. M. Rodgers, presiding. Secretary Hogans being unavoidably absent, by request, Prof. J. D. Ryan served as secretary of the meeting. A full representative of all former members of the organization was present and enrolled.

The president submitted his annual report, which contained much instructive and interesting matter and a number of timely recommendations. The reports of other officers were submitted and approved.

Prof. W. S. Willis, representative to the Negro National Congress of Fraternities, made a report, which was replete with valuable information and timely suggestions.

Prof. J. D. Ryan, read a most excellent paper, "The present Fraternal Problem of Texas," which evoked a deep interest and lively discussion. Actuary, Ander Sigten horst addressed the Congress and gave out much valuable information.

The president announced that an invitation had been extended to the Commissioner of Insurance and Banking, and that he was in receipt of the letter and indicated the willingness of the Commissioner to be present.

The regular routine of business was transacted and the following officers elected: M. M. Rodgers, president; W. F. Bledsoe, vice-president; C. H. Hogans, secretary and C. E. W. Day, treasurer. M. M. Rodgers was elected representative to the Negro National Congress of Fraternities, which convenes in the city of St. Louis, Mo., September, 1917. Dallas was selected as the next meeting place.

## SHRINERS ENTERTAINED.

Wednesday, July 12th, instant, a banquet given at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. William G. Smith, 2005 Twelfth street northwest, in honor of Mr. George W. McKain of St. Louis, Mo., the Empire Potentate of the Mystic Shriner for North and South America. The home was beautifully decorated and an elaborate spread of all tasteful and appetizing delicacies of the season were arranged upon the table and the guests that crowded the beautiful and spacious dining hall had a rare treat.

After every one had satisfied his appetite appropriate addresses were made by the following: Prof. Nelson E. Weatherless, Messrs. Charles D. Freeman, John P. Davis, J. T. Tascoc, Wm. G. Smith, George W. Branch, Samuel Hill, J. A. Sorrell and Carter; with a response from the Imperial Potentate, Vive la Shrine. Among those present were J. A. Sorrell, Grand Potentate; A. F. Jackson, Chief Rabban; A. J. Smith, Assistant Rabban; J. E. Olden, 1819 Vermont



avenue, Imp. Treas.; George W. Branch, Deputy; A. F. Clark, Recorder; Wm. M. Perkins, Ardel West, F. L. Hill, J. T. Tascos, Herbert Lancaster, H. L. Tinsley, Jno. P. Davis, Nobles; More, J. Frank Blagburn, H. P. Jackson, Sam'l Hill, Robt. Hayden, Joseph Martin, Benj. Jones, Carter, and others; Mesdames McKain, H. P. Jackson, Mary Miller, A. Clark, Lucy Perkins, Annie Freeman, Sarah Lancaster, Mamie Hicks, A. Lee, L. Walker, Florence Cunningham and F. Busey.

The Imperial Potentate, Geo. W. McKain, was received by the Nobles with open arms at the Scottish Rite Hall and after a delightful meeting all were invited to the banquet.

#### POST

Washington, D. C.

SEP 12 1916

### COLORED ODD FELLOWS MEET

#### Reception at Convention Hall Attended by Two Thousand People.

An informal reception was held last night at Convention hall to welcome the movable committee of the Grand Order of Odd Fellows, colored, which opened its eighteenth biennial session here yesterday. About 2,000 people attended. The sessions will last a week. The main feature of last night's gathering was a program of instrumental music by the Odd Fellows' Band of Wilmington, Del. There was dancing following the music.

The committee in charge was composed of Josephine Ezell, chairman; Fannie Smothers, Alberta Manning, Mary Overton, Angie B. Saunders, Mary White, Addie Williams, Sarah Tyson, Mary Greenleaf, Annie Hopkins, Anita Keys, Maggie Taylor, Carrie Dade, Mamie Larkins, Charlotte Jones, Josephine Robinson, Cormore Thomas, Martha Butler, Letitia White, Lottie Robinson, Mary Green, Beatrice Richardson, Elizabeth Johnson and Maude Price.

The session today will be executive, and the committee will discuss business of the fraternity. Tonight at Convention hall there will be performed a cantata in three acts under the auspices of juveniles of the District of Columbia. The players will be Helen Murray, Inez Simms, Margaret Price, A. D. Gilmore, John Johnson, George A. Parker, Alfred Washington, Florence Langhorne, Fred Pryor, Carey Robinson and Laura Tyler.

District Commissioner Brownlow delivered the address of welcome to the convention yesterday when it opened. He spoke of this city as the metropolis of the colored race.

**THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF THE UNITED SUPREME COUNCIL, A. A. C. R. MASONS OF THE NORTHERN MASONIC JURISDICTION CONVENED IN THIS CITY, MAY 7, 8 AND 9.**

The Colored Y. M. C. A. was headquarters for visiting members. The sessions were held in the Colored Pythian Temple. The following official

program was carried out: Sunday, May 7, at 2 p. m., Divine Services at the Bethel A. M. E. church; there the Rev. William H. Wever, 33d degree, officiated. The members of the Supreme Council met at the church at 7:30. Some of all of the other Masonic organizations acted as an escort. Special seats were reserved for these organizations, the services were open to the public; Monday, May 8, at 9 a. m., the Supreme Council open session; first Executive Session at 10 a. m.; conferring the 32d degree upon a class by the officers and members of Constantine Consistory, the work was under the direction of Clarence E. Dunlop, 33d degree, commander-in-chief of the Constantine Consistory. The following class are the ones whom the 32d degree was conferred upon: John F. Stewart, William Taylor, Wm. Warfield, Wm. H. Davis, Beverly Howard, Archie Dozier, Robert Cantrell, Robert W. Ricketts, Richard White Wilson, McAdoo Robert Williams, George Harding, Frank Buford, Henry Gayhart and Tim E. Owsley. At 1 p. m., luncheon; at 2:30 p. m., session Supreme Council continued, conferring 33d degree upon candidates, 10 in number, from all parts of the United States, in the Northern Masonic Jurisdiction. 8 p. m., a banquet was given in the honor of the United Supreme Council Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free Masonry Northern Masonic Jurisdiction of the United States of America, by the Constantine Consistory No. 25, Valley of Indianapolis. The following speakers were respondent during the banquet: Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33d, grand minister of State United Supreme Council, A. A. S. R. Mason and Deputy for Indiana. Ill. James Francis Rickards, 33d, M. P. S. G. C.; Ill. William Henry Miller, 33d, Secretary-General H. E.; Ill. William Frank Powell, 33d; Ill. Clarence E. Dunlop, 33d; Daniel W. Caine, M. W. G. M.; Ill. Richard E. Moore, 33d; Leon T. Davison, 32d; Ill. William Oscar Payne, 33d; Ill. Ulysses Grant Powell, 33d. The banquet was one of the grandest affairs ever witnessed in this city. On Tuesday, May 9, at 9:30 a. m., session Supreme Council same afternoon closing of Supreme Council. This organization brought together the largest number of high degree Masons that ever assembled in Indianapolis.



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GAZETTE

LITTLE ROCK

SEP 3 1916

### NEGRO FRATERNITIES TO MEET

The National Congress of Negro Fraternities will hold its annual convention in Little Rock September 26, 27, 28 and 29. About 1,500 delegates from all over the country are expected. The convention will be held in the Mosaic Temple, Ninth street and Broadway. The Mobile bill, which is planned to place fraternal insurance rates on a basis similar to that of old-line insurance companies, probably will be adopted by the convention. Among the speakers will be Dr. M. F. Dickinson, state auditor and insurance commissioner, and Abb Landis, an actuary of the insurance department of Tennessee. Both are interested in the passage of the Mobile bill. The following subjects will be discussed: "Sanitation and Hygiene," "Rate of Mortality and Insurance Premiums," "Laws and Legislation," "Codification of Decisions and Rulings," "Tables of Rates and Benefits," "Vital Statistics and Uniformity of Blanks." Housing arrangements for the visiting negroes are being made by the local entertainment committee.

New York, N. Y. — The members of the B. B. C. E. W. we are told, are nearing a legal tangle with the white antlers as to the rights of wearing the Elk's button as an emblem of the Order. A few days ago we were credibly informed that a member of the Order appeared in the Bronx with several buttons, distributing to his colored brothers, and was hissed at by the white men of the Order above the Harlem River.

More than a dozen years ago the fight was started between the two organizations, the nature of which is too very well known to be gone into detail. This we may say, however, that with such able counsellors as Hon. J. Frank Wheaton, Philip M. Thorne and others, it ran almost to the doors of the U. S. Supreme Court, only to be decided favorably to the colored antlers.

The men, it is alleged, are threatened with further prosecution and as News takes this opportunity to say to the colored antlers: Stand by your leaders and our friendship is assured.

TIMES

Washington, D. C.

SEP 14 1916

## Parade of Colored Odd Fellows Held

Ten Thousand Members of Order, In Convention Here, March Up the Avenue.

To the strains of more than a score of bands, 10,000 colored Odd Fellows attending the national convention of the order now in progress here, marched up Pennsylvania avenue today in the parade held in connection with the convention.

Nearly every man of the large procession was in uniform, and wore the insignia of the organization of which he was a member. Goats were borne along on tether by several of the lodges.

The parade formed at Third and Maryland avenue shortly after 10 o'clock. The marchers followed a course through Pennsylvania avenue to Fifteenth street northwest, thence north to S street, and to the American League baseball park. There a competitive drill was held between the various organizations.

The annual address of Grand Master E. H. Morris, of Chicago, was the feature of the convention yesterday. The address was delivered at Convention Hall and involved questions bearing on measures of importance to the betterment of the colored race. Grand Master Morris was introduced by Julian C. Johnson, of Maryland.

### RECORD HERALD

Chicago, Ill.

### ELKS SEEK TO ENJOIN ORGANIZATION OF NEGROES

Bill Filed in Superior Court Asserts Use of Insignia Harms Reputation.

Chicago Lodge No. 4 of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks yesterday filed suit in the Superior Court to enjoin Great Lodge No. 43, Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, composed of negroes, from using the name of Elks. The bill filed asserts that there is no connection between the two orders, but that the defendant organization is imitating the original order, even to the use of its badges and emblems, including the elk's head and antlers and the elk's tooth. By this means, it is asserted, the defendant order is "damaging the reputation and standing of your orator in the community."

### HIGH MASONS VISIT CITY

C. L. Mitchell, San Antonio, Tex.; C. A. Stewart, Pittsburg; S. C. and G. C. Williams, Shreveport, La., each grand master of the Masons of his state, stopped in the city yesterday en route from Pittsburg, Pa., and Chicago, Ill., to confer with Miss J. H. Janson, 347 Federal street, concerning the \$2,500

monument to be erected in honor of the late Hon. John G. Jones. At Pittsburg, Pa., they attended the supreme council, Scottish Masons, and then to Wheeling, W. Va., where they performed the last rites over the body of Dr. B. H. Still-yard, who at the time of his death was holding the position made vacant by the death of the late John G. Jones in the supreme council of Scottish Rite Masons.

### THE TOWN IN REVIEW.

The colored brother is being criticised severely for not being as active as he should be in the support of measures looking to the civic betterment of the District of Columbia. It is asserted that one cannot find any general movement among the Negroes in favor of local suffrage, school reform, community forums, abolition of Rule 45, or for the referendum on the liquor question. It is urged by the progressive element that the Negro should have a civic association in every section of the District and take a positive stand as a people on every issue of importance, and make our influence felt on the right side.

### GALILEAN FISHERMEN

#### IN SIXTIETH SESSION

N. Y. (Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.) — The sixtieth annual session of the Supreme Grand Tabernacle of the Galilean Fishermen opened Tuesday at Bank Street Baptist Church with a delegation from a number of States in attendance.

The report of the supreme grand ruler, Joseph P. Evans, of Baltimore, showed satisfactory progress. The Most Excellent Grand Encampment, a branch, opened Wednesday with Columbus Gordon presiding.

### AMONG THE VISITING MEMBERS OF THE THIRTY-FIFTH ANNUAL SESSION OF SCOTTISH RITE MASONS IN INDIANAPOLIS THIS WEEK.

James Francis Rickards, of Detroit, the M. P. S. grand commander; R. E. Moore, of Chicago, the M. P. S. G. lieutenant commander; Rev. Alexander H. Newton, Camden, N. J., the ex-grand chaplain G. L. of K. of P.; Col. William J. Douglass, Plainfield, N. J., the deputy for the valley of New Jersey.

Journal

Dallas, Tex.

AUG 28 1916

### Negro Orders Meet.

The Grand Lodge of the United Brothers of Friendship and the Sisters of the Mysterious Ten of Texas, negro organizations, held the first session of a three-day convention here this morning. C. F. Bledsoe, grand master of Marshall, presided, assisted by C. H. Griggs, a member of the faculty of Prairie View Normal Institute. Meetings will be held at 9 o'clock this morning. The annual memorial exercises for the dead members will be held tomorrow night.



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## KNIGHTS OF GIDEON

(Continued from Page 1.)



MRS. ANNIE E. VICK, Supreme Senior Commander

### ODD FELLOWS IN QUIET SESSION

*The Savannah*  
EDW. H. BURKE OF SAVANNAH

ELECTED AUDITOR

*Tribune 9/23/16*  
Over 3,000 Present

Grand Master Morris Promises Early  
Adjustment of Georgia Affairs

Washington, D. C.—The Eighteenth Biennial Movable Committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America passed into history in this city on last Saturday morning after one of the most harmonious sessions ever held by this body.

With about three thousand delegates and visitors in attendance upon the convention Washington had taken on a

different amusements for the entertainment of the visitors were numerous.

Much interest was shown the Georgia delegation which numbered about one hundred and seventy-six. The delegation selected as its chairman, R. E. Pharrow of Atlanta, Ga., and as its secretary, Ed H. Burke of Savannah, Ga. The officers along with Dr. B. W. S. Daniels of Savannah and A. Graves of Atlanta, made it possible to obtain an audience with the Sub-Committee of Management which visited the delegation headquarters and spoke encouragingly to the body relative to the affairs of the order in that state. The outlook of the situation as outlined by Grand Master Morris will in short be adjusted. Every delegate from Georgia in attendance upon the B. M. C., seemed to have been working toward one aim and that was the adjusting of the tangled matter in which the Odd Fellows of that state are now involved. Georgia was well represented on the various committees as follows:

On Propositions—J. D. Powell, of Savannah.

On visiting Grand Household—W. W. Cooper, Savannah.

On Grand Master's Address—R. E. Pharrow of Atlanta.

On Visiting Grand Master's Council—Morgan Williams of Atlanta.

On visiting schools—W. L. Hughes of Dublin.

The selection of Edward Howard Burke of Savannah, as one of the Grand Auditors was almost unanimous. He lead in the polling of votes against the other three candidates in the field, namely, J. M. Miller of New Jersey, Dr. C. C. Johnson of South Carolina and W. H. Mixon of Alabama; the latter withdrawing from the race after the vote of Georgia had been cast solidly for the candidate from that state. Burke was placed in nomination with a ringing speech by Dr. B. W. S. Daniels, also from Georgia and seconded by the Louisiana delegation. He lost one state during the balloting; Alabama casting seven votes for Mixon. R. E. Pharrow chairman of the delegation, was untiring in his efforts to bring about good results for Georgia.

Mrs. R. L. Barnes of Savannah was a prominent figure in the meeting of Grand Household and took an active

part in its proceedings. She was a member of the committee that brought fraternal greetings to the B. M. C.

The sessions of the B. M. C. were held in Convention Hall and were presided over by Grand Master Edward H. Morris of Chicago, Ill., while the sessions of the Grand Household were held at Vermont Baptist Church and were presided over by Most Worthy Grand Superior Mrs. Mary A. Parker of Washington, D. C.

Five thousand persons packed Convention hall on Monday morning to witness the public exercises and the reception of visitors. From early morning the streets were the scene of much activity by the hundreds of people who were wending their way to the place of meeting.

At the appointed hour for the opening of the exercise the house was called to order and after prayer was offered by Rev. William J. Howard, D. D., Dr. John C. Norwood, the presiding officer, introduced Hon. Louis Brownlow, commission of the District of Columbia, who delivered the address of welcome. The response was made by Dr. William Pickens, Dean of Morgan College, Ind. Other addresses of welcome and responses were delivered. At the conclusion of the program the house was turned over to Grand Master Morris who proceeded to make arrangements for the opening of the business session on Tuesday morning. The secretaries elected for the B. M. C. were Chas. F. Smith of Illinois and J. S. Deroach of Florida. Grand Secretary James F. Needham was made chairman of the credential committee. The B. M. C., then accepted the house of meeting from 10:00 a. m. to 3 p. m. and then adjourned until Tuesday morning.

The B. M. C. re-convened Tuesday morning with Grand Master Morris presiding and immediately settled down to business. The Grand Master then read his address and never before in the history of the B. M. C. have the delegates had the pleasure of listening to such a well prepared and arranged paper. It covered every detail since the adjournment of the seventeenth B. M. C. at Boston, two years ago, and contained valuable information and useful suggestions. At the conclusion of the Grand Master's address the B. M. C. was turned over to Julius C. Johnson, of Baltimore, Md., the deputy grand master.

The session lasted but three-quarters of an hour on Thursday on account of the parade which was scheduled to take place. Fully 4,000 persons took part in the parade on this day which was witnessed by more than 10,000 spectators. The event was the grandest of its kind yet had by this body and was creditable in every respect. The marchers passed through the principal streets of the district and terminated at the ball park where the prize drill took place. The companies taking a part in the drill were Pittsburgh, Philadelphia, Wheeling, Baltimore, Raleigh, Alexandria, Washington, D. C., and many others.

who then heard the reports of the officers. The report of Grand Secretary Needham showed that there were 7,488 lodges, 5,128 Households of Ruth, 448 Past Grand Masters' Councils, 222 Patriarchies, 1,321 Juvenile societies, 42 District Grand Lodges and 31 District Grand Households working under the jurisdiction of the Sub-Committee of Management. The reports of the Grand Treasurer and Grand Auditors were very encouraging. They showed an advancement in the affairs of the order. During the hearing of the reports of the officers, Grand Master Morris visited the Grand Household.

The sessions convened at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning. Propositions were taken up for action. The proposition that brought about the most discussion was the one repealing the law which calls for six cents per capita annually to ten cents, payable at the same time and manner. There was a lively debate on the proposition which lasted for some time and finally was adopted. A proposition was also passed giving the Sub-Committee of Management the right and power to appoint a sufficient number of officers in a jurisdiction to run the affairs of the jurisdiction, in a case where district grand lodge or executive committee of a district grand lodge has been tried and the penalty imposed is either suspension or expulsion.

At this session a delegation from the Grand Household visited the B. M. C. bringing fraternal greetings. While this delegation was paying respects to this august body, the Indiana delegation presented Grand Secretary Needham a token of appreciation of his service to the order. A delegation from the Grand Patriarchy also brought greetings.



ton, Indianapolis and Wilmington. The first prize was awarded the Pittsburgh company. At night a banquet was held at the convention hall with 3,000 in attendance.

As it was considered that Friday would be the last day of the convention, the delegates were at the place of meeting early and pitched right into business. The first session was devoted to the handling of propositions and at the conclusion of this part of the business the B. M. C. adjourned to reconvene at 7:30 p. m.

At 8:30 o'clock the convention was called to order and reports of the various committees were heard.

After all other business had been concluded the chair announced that the next place of meeting was in order. There were three cities contending for this honor, New York, Atlantic City, and Chicago. The former was selected by a large majority.

At 11:30 the election of officers was announced in order, and then the fireworks began. The candidates were placed in nomination with ringing speeches and loud applause. Grand Mast Morris, Deputy Grand Master Johnson, Grand Treasurer Brown and Grand Secretary Needham were re-elected without opposition.

The election of five grand directors, for which positions there were six in the race; and for the three grand auditors for which offices four were put into nomination, was done by roll call of the states. After a number of states had polled its votes, the voting strength of Georgia was contested by Rev. E. P. Jones of Mississippi who was seeking re-election on the Sub-Committee of Management. After an explanation by the Master Rev. Jones asked for the privilege of withdrawing his name as did also W. H. Mixon who were the candidates for re-election as grand auditors. The election then proceeded which resulted in the following election and at 1:30 o'clock Saturday morning the 18th B. M. C. of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows in America adjourned to meet in New York City September 1918.

Grand Master, E. H. Morris, Illinois.

Deputy Grand Master, Julius C. Johnson, Maryland.

Grand secretary, James F. Needham, Maryland.

Grand treasurer, W. David Brown, New York.

Grand directors, J. H. Johnson, North Carolina; George H. Mays, Florida; Dr. I. L. Roberts, Massachusetts; A. T. Shirley, Virginia; B. V. Baranco, Louisiana.

Grand auditors, J. M. Miller, New Jersey; Dr. C. C. Johnson, South Carolina; Edward Howard Burke, Georgia.

The Grand Household of Ruth also held a very successful session and re-elected Most Worthy Superior Mrs. Mary A. Parker of Washington and Grand Reorder Mrs. B. E. de Tuscano of New York. There a few changes in the minor offices. The meeting closed on Saturday morning.



EDWARD HOWARD BURKE  
Of Savannah, Elected Grand Auditor

## ELKS WIN FIRST COURT CONTEST

Court of Special Sessions  
Sustains Contention of  
Colored Antler

CAN NOW WEAR THE PIN

*Amsterdam News*  
I. B. P. O. E. Triumph Shown  
in Decision Rendered Here  
in Favor of Cornelius Stafford, Member of Monarch

## Lodge No. 45

After a long fight in the state courts from the lowest to the highest the colored Elks have at last triumphed, or justice has been evenly balanced and right have conquered might. Last week in the court here a test was made.

Cornelius Stafford, who was arrested August 31, immediately after the I. B. P. O. E. convention in Philadelphia for wearing an Elk's pin, came through with his case victorious. Thursday last, in Part I of the Court of Special Sessions.

Mr. Stafford is a member of Monarch Lodge No. 45, and has been a member of the order for some time and was arrested on West 135th street, this city. Through the ability of Attorney Phillip M. Thorne and the persistent efforts to W. MacDaniels, the case was fully prosecuted and given every fair chance, and Stafford was dismissed as a result.

Prior to 1905 the legal fight began against colored Elks, or immediately after the setting up of various colored Elk lodges in different sections of the country. In 1905 in White Plains Justice Morschauer, in the Supreme Court, handed down a decision against the colored Elks, but Messrs. J. Frank Wheaton and Rufus L. Perry, attorneys for the colored order, made application at once to reopen the case and have it transferred to Brooklyn. This was on July 6th, but on July 18th a decision was again rendered in favor of the B. P. O. E.

Later on the case upon an appeal was argued before the Court of Appeals, the highest tribunal in the Empire State, but the decision rendered only reversed the decision of the lower courts on every point, except the use of the Elks name by the colored lodges. This it sustained, so the colored antlers at once made plans to carry their fight to the United States Supreme Court. While preparations were being made, though a delegation of colored Elks appeared before a delegation of white Elks, representing New York Lodge No. 1, headed by Exalted Ruler Leach, and he promised to use his influence to call off the fight against the colored Elks, providing they call themselves "Colored Elks." This was communicated to the various lodges and they decided to do so.

## SCOTTISH RITE MASONS TO MEET IN INDIANAPOLIS

Supreme Council to Open With Divine Service Sunday, May 7.

*The Palatka Advocate*  
5/6/16.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The thirty-sixth annual session of the supreme council of the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite Masons of the northern Masonic jurisdiction will be held in this city from Sunday, May 7, to 9, inclusive. This powerful organization embraces Masons who have taken the thirty-third degree, the highest degree in Masonry, and is the lawmaking body for the Scottish Rite in its jurisdiction.

The organization has a large membership in each of the northern states.

The coming session will be the second to be held away from the regular meeting place in Philadelphia, and it was only in deference to the increasingly large number of Masons in the far and middle west that this city was selected as the seat of the convocation for 1916. Constantine consistory is planning to entertain the organization in the royal fashion that always characterizes the people of the Hoosier capital. The regular business session will be interspersed with many interesting and enjoyable social features, including a banquet.

On Sunday, May 7, at 8 p. m., a special divine service will be held at Bethel African Methodist Episcopal church, when the Rev. William H. Weaver, thirty-third degree, will deliver a sermon especially prepared for the occasion. The supreme council will attend this service, escorted by the Masonic bodies of Indianapolis. Monday, May 8, will mark the opening of the executive and business sessions, with conferring of degrees, continuing throughout the day. At night the banquet by the Constantine consistory will be held.

Tuesday the supreme council will hear reports and wind up the routine affairs of the convocation, and at the close the body will be treated to a birdseye view of the numerous points of historic interest about Indianapolis, with a glance at the beautiful homes and beauty spots of the city and a survey of the business and industrial development shown by both races.

On Wednesday, May 10, the members of the supreme council will visit Detroit, Mich., as the guests of the Wolverine consistory of that valley, a cordial invitation to make the journey having been accepted by the organization.

Many prominent men from various portions of the country will be in attendance, among whom are J. F. Rickards of Detroit, most puissant sovereign grand commander; William H. Miller of Philadelphia, grand secretary; Hon. W. F. Powell, former United States minister to Haiti; U. G. Powell of Massachusetts, R. H. Weeks of Delaware, J. M. Morris of Minneapolis, Minn.; Richard E. Moore of Chicago and others.

Dr. Sumner A. Furriss, grand minister of state in the supreme council, one of the best known and most popular physicians and public spirited citizens in the Hoosier commonwealth, has active charge of the arrangements for the entertainment of the Scottish Rite visitors, which is in itself a guarantee that the work will be satisfactorily done.

## THE SITUATION IN GEORGIA.

5/15/16  
*Richmond Planet*  
The fight now being waged in Georgia between BEN J. DAVIS in particular, and the Georgia Odd Fellows in general on the one side, and Sub-Committee of Management of the B. M. C. and its supporters in Georgia on the other is an interesting and costly proceeding. When it comes to scheming and planning, BEN J. DAVIS and HON. H. L. JOHNSON are past masters at the business. Most Worshipful Grand Master, EDWARD H. MORRIS are no novices, and they are shrewdly manipulating matters with a long pole, so to speak.

DAVIS and INGRAHAM had been appointed receivers for the Odd Fellows property in Georgia. It seems that the Morris wing was about to succeed in having them removed. Anticipating this HON. HENRY LINCOLN JOHNSON and EDITOR BEN J. DAVIS, after having opposed the appointment of any white man to handle the affairs of the Order in Georgia suddenly awoke to the fact that this was just the thing to do, provided one to their liking could be secured.

They secured the appointment of HON. JAMES A. BRANCH, a high-toned Georgian and in turn BENJAMIN J. DAVIS was named as his assistant. Now, all of the lodges in Georgia must pay their endowment taxes to HON. JAMES A. BRANCH by way of BEN DAVIS, so far as the Sub-Committee of Management is concerned, the most hated man in all Georgia. That this receivership will remain undisturbed for a long time hardly admits of the question. As to the final outcome of the affair, it appears that an independent branch of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows will be created in Georgia.

There is hardly any basis for a compromise as neither side seems to be in a compromising mood. Let us hope that some way may be found to cause a cessation of these unseemly disagreements in fraternal organizations among the colored people in this country.



# MASONIC CONFERENCES

*Chicago Defender*

The biggest interest of the Masonic gathering here this week surrounded the conferences of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries of the thirty-five or more Grand Lodges of the United States, Canada, Hayti and Africa. The brothers attending this body are the "bed rock" of Masonry, and the meeting was called to order Monday at 10 o'clock by John L. Thompson, Past Grand Master of the Iowa Jurisdiction. There was plenty of handshaking and greeting at the Y. M. C. A., 3763 Wabash avenue, where the sessions were held. The members of this body are among the leading professional and business men of this country.

The International Conference of Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries was organized in connection with the celebration of the fiftieth anniversary of the Grand Lodge of Michigan at Detroit about a year ago, at which time the following officers were elected: President, John L. Thompson, Des Moines, Iowa, past Grand Master of Iowa; Vice President, John McKinney, Sherman, Tex., Grand Master of Texas; Secretary, W. H. Mayo, Frankfort, Ky., Grand Secretary of Kentucky; Assistant Secretaries, C. A. Campbell, Lansing, Mich.; Cory Adams, Findly, G. G. M. of Ohio; E. F. Bailey, Grand Secretary, Hennesy, Okla.; S. H. Strayhorne, Martin, Tenn., Grand Master of Tennessee, and J. F. Richards, Chatham, Ont., Grand Master of Ontario, Canada.

The Committee of Uniformity of Work, which was appointed at the meeting at Detroit, Mich., a year ago, made its report. This committee examined all the rituals now in use in the various jurisdictions, and, it is said, will recommend one which it is hoped will be adopted and strictly adhered to throughout all the jurisdictions of Masons of the United States, Canada, Hayti and Liberia. This committee consists of Cory Adams, Ohio; C. T. White, Michigan; J. H. Munry, Kentucky; E. A. Turpin, New Jersey; William Coleman, Texas, and E. J. Hawkins, Kansas.

The Conference of Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries was presided over by John L. Thompson, Past Grand of Iowa, who is a lawyer and newspaper man by profession. He is a graduate of the university at Des Moines, Iowa. For more than twenty years he has been an enterprising editor and stands highly in his section as an active citizen. Four times he has been elected Grand Master of the Iowa Jurisdiction. He is married and has a lovely family. S. Joe Brown, Des Moines, Iowa, is one of the aggressive Grand Masters in attendance. He holds three diplomas from colleges in Iowa, and in addition has the honor of election to the Greek scholarship society of Phi Beta Kappa, the only member of the Race thus honored. For the past fifteen years he has been a leader in the legal profession of Des Moines.

G. M.'s and P. G. M.'s Attending  
Among the grand masters and past

grand masters and grand secretaries and past grand secretaries attending the conference at the Y. M. C. A. this week were: W. T. Woods, G. M., Ala.; T. A. Harris, G. M., Cal.; T. H. Patton, G. M., Colo.; T. S. Rector, P. G. M.; George W. Crawford, Conn.; George L. Huber, G. M., Del.; A. Martin, G. M., Ill.; A. L. McCoo, G. S., Ill.; S. Joe Brown, G. M., Iowa; A. A. Bland, P. G. M., and in the order for fifty years, Iowa; E. T. Banks, P. G. M., Iowa; John L. Thompson, P. G. M., president of international conference, Iowa; E. J. Hawkins, G. M., Kan.; J. P. Evans, G. M., Md.; J. M. Munday, G. M., Ky.; W. H. Mayo, G. S., secretary international conference, Ky.; A. W. Dungey, G. M., Mich.; Geo. H. Hoage, G. M., Minn.; J. H. Robinson, P. G. M., Minn.; J. H. Sherwood, P. G. M., Minn.; John L. Webb, P. G. M., Minn.; A. E. Turpin, P. G. M., N. J.; W. O. Payne, G. M., N. Y.; Cory Adams, G. M., Ohio, chairman of the committee of uniformity; W. T. Boyd, P. G. M., Ohio, 65 years in the Masons and the oldest living Mason; J. Lee, G. S., Ohio; J. C. Morton, G. M., Penn.; W. H. Miller, P. G. M. and S., Penn.; S. M. Strayhorne, G. M., Tenn.; T. B. Hardiman, G. S., Tenn.; N. B. Weatherless, G. M., District of Columbia, and J. W. Barnes, P. G. M., Va.

## Ohio Ritual Adopted

All day Tuesday there was a discussion on the adoption of a ritual. It was finally unanimously adopted to use the Ohio ritual. The following officers were elected at the Grand Masters conference at the Wabash Avenue Association:

President, J. L. Thompson, Des Moines, Iowa.

First Vice President—W. T. Woods, Mobile, Ala.

Second Vice President—E. A. Turpin, Camden, N. J.

Secretary—W. H. Mayo, Frankfort, Ky.

Assistant Secretary—N. E. Weatherless, Washington, D. C.

Treasurer—A. L. McCoo, Chicago, Ill.

Sergeant-at-Arms—E. J. Hawkins, Ft. Scott, Kan.

Chaplain—Rev. J. M. Mundy, Henderson, Ky.

## Executive Board

A. W. Dungey, Lansing, Mich.; Wm. Q. Payne, New York, N. Y.; J. F. Richards, Chatham, Ontario, Canada; T. A. Harris, Los Angeles, Cal.; A. A. Martin, Cairo, Ill.; Joseph P. Evans, Baltimore, Md.; S. M. Strayhorne, Martin, Tenn.; Cory Adams, Findlay, Ohio, and H. R. Butler, Atlanta, Ga.

The next meeting of the Grand Masters' conference will be at Louisville, Ky., in August, 1917.

## Order of the Eastern Star

The interstate conference of Grand Chapters, Order of the Eastern Star, was organized at Boston, Mass., in 1908. It is composed of all present and past grand matrons and patrons and past matrons and patrons of the several grand jurisdictions throughout the United States and Canada.

The purpose of the conference is expressed in the preamble of its constitution, which is as follows:

"Whereas, it has been clearly demonstrated that there is a crying necessity for a uniformity of the interpretation of the ritualistic work in the several

jurisdictions of the Order of the Eastern Star, and a demand for a closer fraternal relationship among the several grand chapters and the members of the Order of the Eastern Star in general, and since there is no supreme body to which the grand jurisdictions hold allegiance, we, the several grand chapters, do hereby form ourselves into an organization, the purpose of which shall be to foster amity, strengthen the fraternal chain and endeavor most especially to bring about a uniformity of ritualistic work, ever bearing in mind and it being clearly understood that this organization does not presume to in any way exercise jurisdiction over or take unto itself any of the powers of the several individual grand or supreme chapters comprising this organization."

The last conference was held in Pittsburgh, Pa., in 1914, at which 15 grand jurisdictions, or more than two-thirds of the grand jurisdictions throughout the United States, were represented, and it is believed that there will be even a greater representation at this conference which will hold its sessions at Bethel A. M. E. church, Dearborn and Thirtieth streets, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday at 10 o'clock a. m.

The present interstate grand matron is Mrs. Inez T. Alston, Florida, and the interstate grand patron is Rev. W. H. Jernagin of Washington, D. C. A fine programme was rendered at Queen chapel church Sunday night.

W. W. H. Jernagin, Washington, D. C.; G. P. Scott, Texas; Mrs. Irene Koger, Michigan, and Mrs. S. P. Alexander, California, and Mrs. Banks, Canada, were among those who took part on the programme. Mrs. Inez T. Alston, interstate royal matron, presided with dignity, and the entire sessions were harmonious and interesting. The paper on "The Landmarks of Our Rite and Their Meaning," by Mrs. Olivia Parker, Kansas, was very interesting.

## The Parade Tuesday

The parade on Tuesday night was a brilliant spectacle. It started from Masonic Temple, headed by the Knights of Pythias band of 60 pieces. The Arabics stretched fully six blocks; many were in automobiles. They marched down Wabash avenue to Thirty-sixth, over to State, down to Thirtieth, over to Wabash avenue, south on Wabash to Thirty-fifth, east on Thirty-fifth to the Eighth Regiment armory. Here was held a drill contest and dance. The armory was well filled and the judges of the drill contest were Col. John R. Marshall, president of Appomattox club; Lieut. George Walker and Capt. W. H. Walcott (white), Medinah Co. 19, New York city, with Andrew B. Richardson captain.

Arabic patrol No. 44, under Capt. F. B. Cranshaw, made a fine showing, giving an exhibition drill. Along the line of march the Chicago company was given applause.

The Knight Templars and Shriners had their conferences at Masonic Temple, Fortieth and State streets. A monster parade took place Thursday, the Knight Templars making a splendid showing. They marched to the White Sox park, where there was a competition drill.

## Reviewing Officers

The following prominent Masons viewed the parade from the especially made stand in front of the Appomattox club: G. W. McKorin, C. E. Dunlop, J. M. Morris, C. R. Blake, R. E. Moore, Levy Williams, Charles D. Freeman, J. F. Wright, J. W. Barnes, F. D. Pat-



REV. J. J. MAINOR, Supreme Commander Knights of Gideon  
NEGRO ELKS CONVENE

## Reunion of Grand Lodge Brings Delegates From Thirty States.

Delegates from 30 States attended yesterday the opening session in St. Peter Clavier Auditorium, Twelfth and Lombard streets, of the seventeenth annual convention of the Grand Lodge of the Independent Order of Elks, a negro organization. Grand Exalted Ruler G. Gillis Nutter, of Atlantic City, presided, and the addresses of welcome were delivered by City Statistician Cattell, Assistant City Solicitor Harry W. Bass on behalf of the local lodge. Other speakers were J. Frank Wheaton, of New York; Dr. P. M. Edwards and Armond W. Scott, of New York. A musical program was rendered by a number of entertainers.

Today at noon the members will assemble at Broad and Spring Garden streets for the annual parade, which will move south to Point Breeze avenue and thence to Point Breeze Park, where prizes will be awarded and there will be a game of baseball between teams representing the New York and Philadelphia lodges. It is claimed that fully 20,000 men will march in the parade.



7/22/16  
REV. GEORGE R. JONES, D. D.  
Supreme Vice Commander



Ridge, C. H. Robinson, C. A. Paison and Frank Brown. Sir McKorin, one of the leading sir knights of the country, was surrounded by the above Masons and given a royal time before going to the ball at the Eighth Regiment Armory.

## MASONIC CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO A GREAT EVENT

**Dr. H. R. Butler Who Was Shown So Much Honor Makes Glowing Account of the Meeting**

*Savannah Tribune 9-9-18*  
On Monday August 21, the following bodies of colored Masons met in the city of Chicago for a conference among themselves; the Grand Masters, Past Grand Master and Grand Secretaries of thirty-five grand lodges, the International conference of Knights Templar, the International Conference of Royal Arch Masons, the Supreme Council of Scottish Rite Masons for the Northern Jurisdiction and the Imperial Council of the Mystic Shrine. All of these bodies were well attended by a large number of representatives from all parts of the country.

The body I went to attend was, perhaps, the most interesting and important of all. It was the conference of Grand Masters. These Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries were there from all thirty-five grand lodges and twenty three of them were represented by their Grand Masters. This was indeed a most wonderful gathering. It was the first time that so many Grand Lodges were thus represented by colored men in this country. Georgia was represented by your humble servant. It was the largest and wealthiest of all the Grand lodges there represented and a great ovation was tended the Grand Master when he rose to speak on any topic. The meetings of the conference were held in the great auditorium of the Y. M. C. A. This building cost nearly \$200,000 and is a great credit to the colored people of the city of Chicago.

All the other branches of Masonry meeting in that city at that time recognized the great truth that they were dependent upon the grand lodges for a foundation upon which to work, and therefore, put forth extra efforts to make it pleasant for the Grand Masters, Past Grand Masters and Grand Secretaries.

Grand Master A. Martin of Illinois, did himself honor in welcoming the Grand Masters and other Masonic bodies to the city and jurisdiction. The conference of all the Grand Chap-

ters of the Eastern Star met there at the same time. Georgia was represented in the Eastern Star conference by our Royal Grand Matron, Sister Viola Hart. She took special care of the interest of the jurisdiction over which she has the honor to preside. She represented one of the largest jurisdictions of the order and was given a great ovation.

Sister Hart was on the committee that brought the greetings from the conference of the Eastern Star to the conference of Grand Masters and the Grand Master of Georgia was one of the committee sent out to escort the ladies of that committee into the hall where the Grand Masters were assembled in order that they may deliver their message of greetings. They all made fine addresses as did our own Royal Grand Matron.

As I said in the out set, all of these bodies held fine meetings and were well attended, but as we were sent to the Grand Masters' conference we attended that mostly.

Much important work was accomplished for the good of Masonry throughout the world among colored men. Our brethren will receive reports of this work at the proper time and at the proper place. The following executive board was elected for the next year: Past Grand Master A. W. Dungee, Michigan; Grand Master Wm. O. Payne, New York; Grand Master J. F. Richards, Chatham, Ontario, Canada; Grand Master T. A. Harris, Los Angeles, Cal.; Grand Master A. A. Martin, Cairo, Ill.; Grand Master Joseph Evans, Baltimore, Mr.; Grand Master S. M. Strayhorne, Martin, Tenn.; Grand Master Cory Adams, Findley, Ohio; and Grand Master H. R. Butler, M. D. Atlanta, Ga. The next conference of the Grand Masters will be held in the city of Louisville, Ky., in August 1917.

The colored people are now holding jobs in the west that they have never held before. This is due to the fact that so many of the foreigners have returned home to take their place on the battle field. The railroad section hands from Atlanta to Chicago are now largely colored men; before the war, after leaving Kentucky this work was largely done by foreign labor. It is an ill wind that blows good to no one. God knows best what to do. Let us leave this to Him.

Another thing that seems sure in

the west and that is Wilson is beaten. The people seem to be disgusted with him and his party. He has led the nation into a state of jim-crowism that it will take years to eradicate after it shall have eradicated him from the White House. The West is a fine, free country and I would advise our young men to go West and make their money and save it and become a part of the people and country.

In Chicago the men and women can vote and take a part in the political interests of the city, country and state. Where men can vote they will be respected; here in this state we cannot vote, hence we are not respected. In Chicago there are many colored police and colored men in other positions—even assistant city attorney—here we cannot have a job to wash the elephant in the zoo, and why, because we cannot vote—because we have not got white Republicans with back bone enough to stand up and put our city, county and state tickets and break up this white primary. Young men go where you can be a man, and after getting there, be sure you act the man. I saw some young men in Chicago who were making good money, but were living too fast for their own good or any body else's. Our educated young men ought to go West, East, North and to foreign countries and especially to the countries of South America. If I were a young man I would remain in America just long enough to purchase a ticket to get out. We must learn to do as other races, and that is, leave home—branch out and let down our nets on the other side.

Four great railroad labor organizations played the winning card on the Democratic Congress and Senate and President last week. These unions representing four hundred thousand voters simply walked up to the White House and demanded an eight hour day with a ten hour pay and got it. They knew the trick would turn at this time when votes were wanted.

This country or any other country infected with labor unions is in a serious condition. These organizations are in a position to run, rule or ruin a government in twenty-four hours.

What the government should have done, instead of bowing down and passing the eight hour law, was to pass a law disbanding all labor unions and forever hereafter giving all laborers an opportunity to work for whom

they desire and thereby forever doing away with all strikes.

This is what must be done in this country and all other countries infected with labor unions or they are ruined so far as government is concerned. This government is practically unable to govern itself. It is at the mercy of the dictates of labor unions and owing to the poor educational facilities in many of the states, the majority of the members of the unions are not very high in the scale of the science of government. Hence one can easily see what will be the fate that falls into the hands of inexperienced and uneducated officials. We are having a fore taste of that in many of our Southern city governments today. The man in one of our Southern cities that introduced the segregation ordinances (and he could not write it) was a poor, ignorant brewery engineer elected to the council by the labor unions.

Unless the United States takes hold of its affairs as a national government soon and proceeds to administer them, it is doomed before the expiration of another fifty years. But who will "bell the cat?" What party will pass such a law? Not the Democrats, not the Republicans and not the progressives; it must be done by a party yet unborn—a party that believes in a government of the people, for the people and by the people—all the people. We hope this baby will soon be born or the mother will soon be too weak to nurse him.

**AT THE NATIONAL CAPITAL**  
*Who Freeman 9-23-18*  
(By R. W. Thompson)

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**B. M. C. HAS COME AND GONE.**

The 18th session of the Biennial Movable Committee of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows has passed into history. U street, the court of honor that was jammed by day and night last week with thousands of visitors from all sections of the country, is a "deserted village" and the home folks have cut out the hilarity of yesterday to resume business at the old routine stand of today. Decorations are stowed away, and the 3,000 electric bulbs that sparkled so brilliantly for five consecutive nights have been discharged from service.

The conduct of the visitors was above reproach. As far as could be discovered, no one was taken into custody by the police, not one person was found intoxicated, not a single case of disorder, and no one was robbed. Between the housing committee and personal friends, everybody found a place to stay and the social features were of sufficient variety to please all tastes. Never

has there been in an American city a better dressed gathering of people of any race. The parade was a model of good looks, prompt movement and dignity of bearing. If there have been pageants that provoked laughter from the other race, this was not one of them. The hall was adequate for the largest sessions, and the hall was "out of sight." The competitive drill was grand. That the press saw the drill or attended the ball or witnessed the parade was not the fault of the press committee, which was conspicuous for its failure to extend the usual courtesies to the newspaper fraternity. The press just took "pot luck" with the common herd, except the one or two who hung around and bullwagged somebody into handing them a "pass" grudgingly. But, that's another story.

Grand Master E. H. Morris was re-elected as a matter of course. He is a strong man and it may be well for him to hold on indefinitely—at least until the troubles of recent years have been fully adjusted. Had his mantle passed to another, it is thought that H. P. Slaughter, the efficient editor of the Odd Fellows' Journal, would have been the lucky man. Mr. Slaughter was continued as editor, and after hearing his splendid report, the Grand Master commended him in the highest terms for the fair and square manner in which he had handled the publicity end of the order. Other elections were as follows: Deputy Master, Julius C. Johnson, of Maryland; Grand Secretary, James F. Needham, of Pennsylvania; Grand Treasurer, W. David Brown, of New York; Grand Directors, J. H. Johnson, North Carolina; George H. Mays, Florida; Dr. I. L. Roberts, Massachusetts; A. T. Shirley, Virginia; and B. V. Baranco, Louisiana; Grand Auditors, J. M. Miller, New Jersey; Dr. C. C. Johnson, South Carolina, and E. H. Burke, Georgia.

There were few contests on any point, the biggest struggle coming over the per capita increase of 10 cents, recommended by the Grand Master. After a long discussion, the Grand Master gained his point and the 10 cents extra is a law. The meetings will continue to be held in September, the August clause being ignored—for good and sufficient reasons.

The Pittsburgh Patriarchie won the first prize of \$150 in the drill at American League Park, with Philadelphia second, \$100, and Alexandria third prize, \$50.

New York was selected as the seat of the 1918 B. M. C., winning out over Atlantic City, Chicago and Pittsburgh after a nifty battle. Grand Master Morris is said to have favored New York City in preference to his own home town.

It is regretted that Washington did not secure a place on the sub committee of management. Had the local delegation been united Mr. James H. Coleman, the very capable chairman of the general committee on arrangements, could have been elected "hands down." With internal dissensions to contend with, and from unexpected quarters, Chairman Coleman directed affairs exceedingly well and deserves a vote of thanks for so nobly sustaining the reputation of the nation's capital as a city of quality.

The Household of Ruth, in session at the Vermont Avenue Baptist Church, carried on its business quietly and re-elected Mrs. Mary A. Parker, of this city, as Grand Worthy Superior.



# Secret Societies—1916 GREAT MASONIC CONVENTION CLOSES

**The Shriners Parade was Spectacular to Behold in Uniformity and Pomp on Tuesday Evening**

*The Freeman, London, Ind. 9/2/16*  
**BANQUET GIVEN BY HON. JULIUS ROSENWALD**

**The Reception and Ball of the Knights Templars at the Seventh Regiment Armory was a Most Brilliant Social Function, and was Attended by Many Eminent Knights from Different Sections of the Country—Supreme Council Banquetted—Street Carnival Ends—Elks Visit Philadelphia.**

**Ill. Billy King, 33 Degree, Banqueted Scottish Rite Masons at His Residence.**

(By Sylvester Russell.)  
(Chicago, Ill., Special.)  
The Masonic Convention which convened last Monday had a brilliant outlook on Tuesday when Hon. Julius Rosenwald honored the delegation with a banquet dinner at Sears Roebuck & Co.'s building. Covers were laid for 500, and the quality of the bill of fare was of a kind which deference does to kings, queens and noblemen of titled ancestry in countries foreign to American custom. And in view of their distinguished brotherhood and merit as an Order of exceptional fraternal Colored Americans, Mr. Rosenwald has shown the highest esteem of respect that any gentleman could bestow upon a body of American citizens as a humanitarian, philanthropist and benefactor.

The Shriner's parade in the evening was spectacular to behold in uniformity and pomp. The Imperial Council of St. Paul had a small white kid of the goat tribe of animals who followed his master, keeping step with the band like a soldier in rank and file. The Arabic made a good showing in their drill, which was at times slightly obstructed by the carnival booth fences which projected out in the street too far into the line. The Knight Templars were nicely represented and automobiles with daughters of the Order presented a sight worthy of review, especially the Order of the Eastern Star. The reception of the Knights Templar at Seventh Regiment Armory took place on Thursday evening, and was a notable society event. Among popular delegate visitors were William Copeland, Past Most Eminent Grand Commander of Ohio; Chas. H. Robinson, Minneapolis, Minn., Past Grand Master and Past Potentate of Fezzan Temple; Eugene Phillips, New York, P. R. E. G. Commander, P. T. Potentate; Chas. E. Gordon, Commander No. 7 Red Cross, Cleveland, Ohio; Horace H. Allen, Cincinnati, Ohio; Chas. Brody, Minneapolis, Minn.; J. H. Morris, Minneapolis, Minn.; Harry Knight, 32 degree, of Five Orders, New York City; E. M. Glover, Washington Temple, Mystic Shrine, Springfield, Ohio; Virgil E. Cottman, Six Orders, Springfield, Ohio; Clarence E. Dunlop, 33 degree Imperial Council, A. E. A. O. N. M. S., United Supreme Council Northern Jurisdiction who has been elected Imperial Potentate of the Shriners of the World; H. C. Sterrett, 32 degree, of Five Orders of Chicago, was kept busy in the cordial interests of visiting Shriners, also Samuel Thompson, 33 degree, of the Occidental Consistory, etc.

**The Tenebrae Reflection Banquet Tendered United Supreme Council A. S. R. of F. M. Northern Jurisdiction of the U. S.**

The Tenebrae Reflection tendered the United Supreme Council Sovereign Grand Inspectors General of the Thirty-third and last degree Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite of Free-Masonry of the Northern Jurisdiction of the United States in the Preceptory of Occidental Consistory No. 28 at 44th and State streets, Chicago, Friday evening, August 25, 1916. Among those present: Ill. James Francis Rickard, 33°, M. P. S. G. Commander; Ill. Richard E. Moore, 33°, P. Lieut. Grand Commander; Ill. Sumner A. Furniss, 33°, Grand Min. of State; Ill. Alex. H. Newton, 33°, Treasurer Gen'l. H. E.; Ill. Wm. Henry Miller, 33°, Secretary Gen'l. H. E.; Ill. Chas. E. Gordon, 33°, Deputy Ohio; Ill. E. H. Tolliver, 33°, New York; Ill. L. M. Terrell, 33°, Chicago; Ill. Wm. O. Payne, 33°, New York; Ill. Major Richardson Toole, 33°, New York; Ill. J. E. Jackson, 33°, Ill. Chas. A. Cattrell, 33°, Ill. William King, 33°, Ill. Chas. E. Scott,

33°; Ill. Jos. W. Moore, 33°; Ill. S. McCalley, 33°; Ill. Moses A. Arnold, 33°; Ill. Geo. E. Augustus, 33°; Ill. Jos. E. Dickson, 33°; Ill. Austin Hampton, 33°; Ill. Henry Hardin, 33°; Ill. Robt. I. Hodge, 33°; Ill. Dock S. Johnson, 33°; Ill. Harry S. Letcher, 33°; Ill. Wm. W. Strother, 33°; Ill. Samuel Thompson, 33°, all Commander-in-chiefs, Occidental, Chicago.

Ladies present: Mrs. Francis H. Parker, Mrs. T. J. Baley, Mrs. Andrew DePratt, Mrs. J. G. Sweeney, Mrs. D. S. Johnson, Mrs. Wm. Strother, Mrs. Martin Greene, Mrs. Dollie Anderson, Mrs. C. S. Smith, Mrs. Susie Watkins, Mrs. Lucy B. Abbott, Mrs. B. Elam, Mrs. S. Farrow, Mrs. M. Bell, Mrs. Moses B. Duncans, Mrs. W. H. Lomax, Mrs. J. B. Foster, Mrs. Harry S. Letcher, Mrs. D. B. Burrell, Miss Helen Burrell, Mrs. Samuel Dauphan, Mrs. Austin Hampton, Mrs. Sherman A. Reffells, Mrs. Florence J. Turner, Miss Elnorab B. Anderson, Mrs. R. I. Hodge, Mrs. Chas. E. Scott, Mrs. L. McCalley, Mrs. Wm. H. King, Mrs. Henry Hardin, Mrs. A. J. Poe, Mrs. W. L. Luckey, Mrs. Clarence E. Hall, Mrs. S. H. M. Davis, Mrs. Herbert L. Russell and Mrs. C. E. Boone.

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S. P. Sherman A. Reffells, 32°, Chicago; S. P. A. J. Poe, 32°, Chicago; Ill. E. S. Hatton, 33°, Chicago; S. P. A. M. Williams, California; S. P. W. L. Luckey, 32°, Chicago; S. P. J. L. Beauford, 32°, Chicago; S. P. H. Y. Keene, 32°, Chicago; S. P. J. A. Lennox, 32°, Chicago; S. P. W. H. Robinson, 32°, Chicago; Ill. J. D. Reynolds, 33°, Chicago; S. P. A. D. DePratt, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Jos. R. Dunn, 32°, Chicago; Ill. O. D. Howard, 33°, North State Consistory No. 14; S. P. Clarence E. Hall, 32°, Troy, Ohio; S. P. D. B. Burrell, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Cap. Anderson, 32°, Chicago; S. P. I. B. Thomas, 32°, Chicago; S. P. S. H. M. Davis, 32°, Chicago; S. P. W. H. Wooley, 32°, Chicago; S. P. L. C. Harolson, 32°, Chicago; S. P. C. A. McFarland, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Albert W. Culp, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Moses B. Duncans, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Herbert L. Russell, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Thomas L. Abbott, 32°, Chicago; S. P. L. R. Burnett, 32°, Chicago; S. P. E. D. Murphy, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Eugene Johns, 32°, Chicago; Ill. J. H. Carter, 33°, Chicago; S. P. Zachariah Wheeler, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Watkins David, 32°, Chicago; S. P. L. Lindsay, 32°, Chicago; S. P. A. Clark, 32°, Chicago; S. P. D. J. M. Bias, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Lawrence S. Williams, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Geo. Ford, 32°, Chicago; S. P. R. A. Williams, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Geo. A. Lucas, 32°, Chicago; S. P. F. B. Randolph, 32°, Chicago; S. P. J. M. Lawrence, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Geo. Chaffin, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Martin Green, 32°, Chicago; S. P. J. G. Sweeney, 32°, Chicago; S. P. T. J. Ellison, 32°, Chicago; S. P. W. H. Lomax, 32°, Chicago; Ill. J. C. Cooper, 33°, Chicago; S. P. A. N. Roberts, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Wm. Brown, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Lewis Minor, 32°, Chicago; Ill. M. F. Coley, 33°, Chicago; S. P. J. B. Foster, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Geo. Tribue, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Albert E. Johnson, 32°, Chicago; S. P. Floyd S. Turner, 32°, Chicago; S. P. George C. Parker, 32°, Grand Secretary; S. P. Samuel Dauphan, Occidental Consistory.

The wives of these various dignities done them the honor to sit with them. During the course of procedure Ill. R. J. B. Ellington, in behalf of Occidental Consistory, presented each member of the Supreme Council with a 33° watch fob. Through the earnest efforts of all Jos. W. Moore, 33°, Chairman, and S. P. George Cornelius Parker, 32°, Grand Secretary of Occidental Consistory No. 28, success was brought to this Tenebrae Reflection. Ill. Billy King was toast master and Ill. R. E. Moore made Moore, Chairman of the committee who received a handsome bouquet.



**Illustrious Billy King, 33°.**  
**COLORED ODD FELLOWS VICTORIOUS IN COURT.**

**Judge Bell Denies Motion for Appointment of Receiver, Postpones Case.**

The motion of Attorney General Clifford Walker to dismiss the petition of Alfred D. Jones for the appointment of receivers to handle the affairs of the District Grand Lodge of colored Odd Fellows was overruled Tuesday afternoon by Judge George R. Bell, before whom the case has been pending for several days.

Intervention had been made by the Attorney General on the ground that the organization had not submitted itself to the control of the State Insurance Commissioner, and it was on this ground that the motion to dismiss the action brought by Jones was made.

The plaintiff, however, presented an affidavit from William A. Wright, insurance commissioner, in which the commissioner stated that he had given the matter full consideration and had refused to take jurisdiction of the association because the definition of the law did not give him authority over such institutions.

Hearing of the case was suspended by Judge Bell Tuesday afternoon and will be resumed Thursday. Atlanta Journal.

We have always contended that the Negro is not suffering because he is black, but because he is a fool and is ignorant, and our position was never

more clearly demonstrated than during this week. We quote above a news item taken from the Atlanta Journal, which covers the ruling of the court in the Odd Fellow case.

But in spite of this plain ruling of the court, which a first grade scholar could understand, Negroes, who call themselves educated, like Bill Moore, Bill Reeves, Ras Williams and others, were parading it around town that B. J. Davis lost his case.

We merely publish this news item for the benefit of these ignorant creatures, who are either too ignorant or too mean to explain the truth. Neither one of these Negroes belongs to the Order, and why these chronic kickers and trouble makers who do not belong to the Order, who represent nothing but their mouths, should always be going around acting like some gossiping woman, standing on the corners, always dipping in the Odd Fellows' matter we cannot understand.

But when we remember how ignorant the average Negro is, and especially that Negro who gets a government job, the whole thing is explained.

**NEGRO FRATERNITIES TO MEET IN LITTLE ROCK.**

*The Freeman*  
LITTLE ROCK, Ark., Sept. 9.—The National Congress of Negro Fraternities will hold its annual convention in Little Rock, September 26, 27, 28 and 29. About 1500 delegates from all over the country are expected. The convention will be held in the Mosaic Temple, Ninth street and Broadway. The Mobile bill, which is planned to place fraternal insurance rates on a basis similar to that of old-line insurance companies, probably will be adopted by the convention. Among the speakers will be Dr. M. F. Dickinson, state auditor and insurance commissioner, and Abb Landis, an actuary of the insurance department of Tennessee. Both are interested in the passage of the Mobile bill. The following subjects will be discussed: "Sanitation and Hygiene," "Rate of Mortality and Insurance Premiums," "Laws and Legislation," "Codification of Decisions and Rulings," "Tables of Rates and Benefits," "Vital Statistics and Uniformity of Blanks."

The object of the N. C. of F. shall be to create and maintain a spirit of amity between the various Negro fraternal benefit societies and charitable and benevolent institutions, to the end that there may be developed a stronger bond of unity and mutual helpfulness and protection in their work for the uplift of the race. It shall seek in every way possible and practical to promote fraternal cooperation along feasible business lines, to inculcate wisdom in operation and skill in management to the end that such organizations may be more economically, judiciously operated and be made more potentially effective in the support, aid, encouragement, inspiration, benefits and protection of their membership.



## BUILDING FOR NEW YORK

### ODD FELLOWS

In accordance with a proposition adopted at the last session of District Grand Lodge, No. 2, Grand United Order of Odd Fellows, jurisdiction of New York, definite plans have been projected for the erection of a building in New York City owned, controlled and managed by the Order.

To this end, articles of incorporation have been taken out for "The Headquarters Building Association of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of the State of New York, (Inc.)" with a capital stock of \$50,000. This is divided into ten thousand shares, par value, \$5, and many of the most prominent men and women of the city are at the head of affairs. The stock will be sold to the public generally as well as to members of the Order, and it is now on sale at its par value.

The list of officers include members of all branches of the Order, the women having representation also, and the roster for the first year is as follows: Jas. F. Adair, Mamilton 710, president; Chas. H. Gibson, Manhattan 5477, vice-president; John W. Simmons, Philonathean 646, secretary; Edward Henry, Alpha 1381, treasurer; Mrs. Nannie R. Gover, Vincencio H. R., 1318, assistant secretary; Wilford H. Smith, counsel; executive committee: W. David Brown, J. Thomas Johnston, James A. Glasgow; board of directors for first year: Jas. F. Adair, Mrs. Nannie R. Gover, Edward Henry, William J. Smith, Charles H. Gibson, John W. Simmons, J. Thomas Johnston, James A. Glasgow and W. David Brown.

The officers and directors are all stockholders in the corporation, those who handle money are bonded in a reliable bonding company of the city and no salaries are paid to any of the officers. The president, J. F. Adair, is the district grand secretary of the District Grand Lodge, and for twelve years has held a responsible position in the United States Customs Service. John W. Simmons, secretary, holds a responsible position with the Grolier Club, 29 East 32nd street. He has been there sixteen years. He is secretary of Philomathean Lodge 646, the oldest lodge in the Order in America.

Edward Henry, treasurer, is an ex-district grand master of the Order in the state, and has been with the Title Guarantee and Trust Co. for more than twenty years. The chairman of the executive committee, W. David Brown, is a successful business man in New York City, conducting two large undertaking establishments. He is district grand master of the State of New York, and Grand Treasurer of the Grand United Order of Odd Fellows of America. Wilford H. Smith, counsel, is one of the strongest practitioners at the New York bar.

Special agents for the disposal of the stock will be named from the board of district grand supervisors and the Effort Club, composed of ladies from the Households of Ruth. The supervisors are Howard Vincent Fry, Arthur G. Derick, Walter Mims, George A. Marshall, Oscar Brewster, Allen Baird, Charles J.

D. Kemp, E. W. Elliot, Harry Bright and Joseph H. Shockley. Ladies from the Effort Club are Mrs. Mary Turner, Mrs. Louise Granada, Miss Annie E. Brown, Mrs. Maggie Goidwin, Mrs. Lena Chandler, Mrs. Milicent Wilkins, Mrs. Alberta Taylor, Mrs. Annie Barnwell, Mrs. Mildred Smith and Mrs. Pinkie B. Walker.

The president, J. F. Adair, 1212 St. Marks avenue, Brooklyn, or the secretary, J. W. Simmons, 26 West 135th street, will answer all inquiries concerning the proposed buildings, subscriptions for stock, etc.

### NAMES OF JUDGES IN BABY CONTEST

Through an unfortunate oversight last week, the name of Mrs. James S. Anderson, 828 East 222nd street, Williamsbridge, N. Y., was omitted from the list of ladies who officiated as judges in THE NEW YORK AGE BETTER BABIES CONTEST. The complete list of the Board of Judges is as follows:

MRS. JAMES S. ANDERSON, 828 East 222nd street, Williamsbridge, N. Y.  
MISS MAYBELLE McADOO, 156 West 131st street.

MISS LOUISE LATIMER, 202 West 63rd street.

MRS. CORA B. WINSTON, 188 W. 135th street.

MRS. MAUDE G. HALL, 917 Lafayette avenue, Brooklyn.

MRS. A. S. REED, 316 West 52nd street.

DR. GERTRUDE McPHERSON, 188 West 135th street.

MRS. MEDIA DODSON, 9 Douglas street, Brooklyn.

### FIFTEEN CHILDREN, 53 GRANDCHILDREN

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

RICHMOND, Va.—Mrs. Catherine Lipscomb of Lynchburg, Va., after an illness of about three days, passed away at the ripe old age of 92 years. She had wonderful vitality and spent the summer of 1913 with her son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Lipscomb, in Atlantic City, N. J. She made her home with one of her daughters and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones of Richmond, where she died April 1.

Undertaker Price shipped the remains to Lynchburg, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Richard Jones and family. Funeral services were held Monday, April 3 at Holcomb Rock Baptist Church. She was the mother of fifteen children, fifty-three grand children and twelve great grand children. She is survived by two sisters, eight children and a host of sorrowing friends.

Putting Bureau in the World

Dallas, Texas

## REPORTS SHOW

## NEGRO K. P'S. FLOURISHING

"Ignorance, a menace to any individual, race or individual, and the greatest liability in this country, declared Dr. A. N. Prince in calling to order the third day's session of the grand lodge of negro Knights of Pythias in the Pythian temple, Elm and Good streets, Thursday morning, "and if we expect to rise we must get rid of ignorance and illiteracy."

"As Knights of Pythias let us teach our children lessons that will lift them up. Let them know that this is their home and they can make a mark in the South. The North discriminates against me as to where I make my food and the South only as to where I eat it, and since making must come before eating, let me make it and I can walk along the street and do the eating. Prairie View Normal and Industrial school is a demonstration of what the state is doing for us, and we should feel proud of it."

Vice Grand Chancellor C. G. Simpson presided during the morning session and the record was read by the assistant grand keeper of records and seal, Prof. P. Landry. Prof. R. A. Atkinson of Lockhart, grand inner guard, made a short talk on "Pythianism."

The report of the endowment department made by Secretary W. S. Willis was an important feature of the morning session. He has held this position for a number of years, handling fully \$100,000 for the order. His report for the past twelve months showed that the receipts had been \$95,691.60, including \$700 interest, and \$23,883.40 brought forth from the last year. Expenditures for death claims, \$54,950; Pythian temple loan, \$35,000; department expenses, \$5127.95. Resources reported due from lodges, \$5000; death claims, \$2550.01; cash with treasurer, \$1213.65; net resources, \$39,702.54; Pythian temple note, \$35,000; account interest on notes, \$1038.90. Total, \$42,252.55. He was given an ovation.

Prof. M. M. Rodger, grand keeper of records and seal, reported 335 lodges in good standing, with a membership of 8000. His report showed in detail the receipts and expenditures of the order during the past year, taking in each department. This report was discussed at length, and the official commended. He is one of the leaders of his race in the country, and is auditor of the National Baptist convention which has a following of over two million in the United States. Recently he has erected a home in Dallas, moving here from La Grange.

The report of the board of directors was made and a lively debate followed the report.

"The erection of this grand temple here and the meeting of the grand lodge means much to us in Dallas," said E. D. Wilson, of the local committee, "and we are glad to have you here."

Prof. John Starks, of the public schools of Dallas, made a short talk, commending the business administration of Grand Chancellor Prince, and the work being done by the negro for his own elevation.

A number of committees were an-

nounced Thursday morning. A large amount of business was transacted.

Calanthe A. D. presided over the grand court Thursday morning. After the usual opening the record was read, and then they got down to business. "We are not here to make speeches," said Worthy Counsellor Keys, "but to do business. We are anxious to do all we can to help our people, and through the reports we hope to get some practical suggestions that we may use."

Calanthe N. A. Kirk read the report of the secretary and treasurer of the endowment department. She declared the order to be in better condition than it has been in its history. She reported on the deaths during the year and the amount paid.

A number of reports were made during the morning. Roscoe C. Simmons delivered a short address. He said many good things to the women. The grand lodge will close Friday with installation of officers.

### WOULD NOT MARCH.

The Richmond Virginian, in its issue of the 24th, publishes the following:

*Richmond Planet 9/2/16*  
Dixie Aerie, No. 338, of the Order of Eagles, has returned home from the Grand Aerie held in Savannah, Ga., August 14 to 19.

Dixie didn't march in the big parade given in connection with the big meet—and thereby hangs a tale. When the big walk-fest was assembling, the Richmond members became aware that a colored band was to furnish the noise of the celebration. The Richmonders love the "cullud brother" in his place—which they think is not in an Eagle parade. They "about-faced" and returned to their hotel.

We do not know of an organization in Virginia, not even excepting political bodies, that have more unreasoning racial antipathy to colored people than some of the members of this organization. It has recently erected a palatial structure on the corner of Third and Marshall streets, nearly in the "black district," and it has been presided over by gentlemen in the lowly walks of life.

It embraces in its membership some of the most liberal white citizens, and yet they sit there and let such "flannel-mouthed" individuals virtually control the organization. This Order is closely akin to the Elks. Its members like liquid refreshments. With most people, this kind of "medicine" makes them companionable and liberal in their attitude towards all men.

When Virginians go down into Georgia to teach Georgians the proper custom relative to Negroes, then they

have shown that they really do not belong in this country. Colored folks are "cussed" and abused in the Southland, but they are given opportunities to labor that have never been conceded to them in the far North. One of these opportunities is that of furnishing music for white folks.

It came down from GEORGE WASHINGTON and THOMAS JEFFERSON. Colored musicians sit today, and have sat in the palatial residences and public halls of the South and stirred the hearts of thousands of the best white people in this country. These marchers were in line in Savannah, Georgia as servants. Every southerner understood that. But these "Reubs" from Richmond "played the fool" and came home not missed by the shouting masses of Eagles, who enjoyed the frolic.

It may be well to state that while they were "walking in the air," so to speak, at Savannah, within a block of their Aerie here in Richmond, their club-house, where liquor flows and beer is in evidence, a white man was caught in a little ten by ten room with a black girl and he was carried through the streets of this city in a Police Patrol on a basis of perfect social equality with a black Negro, which he and the Eagles profess to hate and despise.

Oh, yes, the Richmonders like the "cullud" brother in his place and our contemporary might have added that they like the "cullud" woman in her place, in the back-yard of 317 N. Fourth street, Richmond, Va. Oh, the hypocrisy of some of these white folks!

### TEXAS PYTHIANS ERECT NEW TEMPLE

DALLAS, Texas.—The new temple erected by the Knights of Pythias at the corner of Elm and Good streets was completed last week and the dedication services will be held during the session of the Grand Lodge of Texas opening here Tuesday, June 13. The building is already filled with tenants.

Plans for the building were drawn by W. Sidney Pittman, the architect, and it was constructed at a cost of \$80,000. The ground cost \$36,000, giving a total valuation of \$116,000. There are five stories with an auditorium, lodge rooms and offices, and with all the most modern improvements. It is of brick with white stone trimmings.

The work was done by S. A. Harper, contractor. The five lodges in Dallas contributed \$20,000. Officers of the grand lodge are: Dr. A. N. Prince of Sherman, grand chancellor, and M. M. Rodgers of Dallas, grand keeper of records and seal.

*The New York Age 6/18/16*



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MAIN FEATURES.

The building is finished on the outside (front and side) with dark brown tapestry brick, laid in open struck joints and trimmed with richly moulded cement stone. The main entrance, at the center, on Elm Street, is flanked by two large stone columns, with appropriate cornice over head and centre arch entrance of Doric design. This entrance encloses a beautiful marble and tile vestibule. On the floor of this vestibule, in beautiful tile design, is worked the Emblem of the Order, with appropriate description in various colors. High above this Main Entrance, overtopping the main cornice 76 feet above is another emblem of the Order in stone, measuring eight feet in height and supposed by many to be the largest emblem of any Order in the country, designed and built into a fraternal building.

On all floors are provided separate toilets for men and women, conveniently arranged in plain view on all corridors. On the second and third floors in the Lobbys is installed a drinking fountain for the benefit of the patrons. And all offices, all stores, shops, Lodge Rooms, Ante-rooms, Cafes, etc., are equipped with a lavatory and running water.

The building, throughout, is lighted with the "Reflecto-lite" system fixtures, the very latest electric light fixtures on the market. All electric wires are laid in conduits arranged so as to produce the least friction possible to tenants. Electric fans are provided in all Lodge Rooms; exit lights at all exterior doors and two handsome bracket lamps on either side of the Main Entrance on Elm Street. All offices are also provided with a wall socket for buzz fan attachment.

Other special interior features include the beautiful color scheme on all floors and especially in the Grand Lodge Auditorium, also the great stage and its procenium arch, and the seventeen large 8x15 feet windows in this Auditorium. This stage is typical of all theatre stages in all essentials, including footlights, border lights, scenery, dressing rooms, fly gallery, electric switch board, etc.

A special feature on the office floor is the separate Department (a suite of rooms) set apart for the Grand Lodge officers. It includes a private lobby, or reception hall, a private entrance and other appurtenances necessary in creating a distinct and separate grouping of rooms for its State Headquarters, particularly requested in the original condition submitted to the architect.

GRAND LODGE K. OF P  
TEMPLE,  
DALLAS, TEXAS

The Greatest Building, designed, erected  
owned and controlled by Negroes  
in Texas

The Dallas Express takes pleasure in presenting to its many readers the picture of the beautiful and commodious

Knights of Pythias State Grand Lodge Temple recently constructed and dedicated in the city of Dallas. This building is undoubtedly the handsomest structure of its kind built and owned by colored people west of the Mississippi River. The Dallas Daily Times Herald (white) says "it's a building of which any city in the country could justly feel proud."

Accompanying this picture of the Pythian Temple is presented also a likeness of the architect that drew its plans and superintended its construction. Mr. Pittman is a well-known national character in his line of work and hardly needs any introduction. It is commonly admitted—and without contradiction—that he is about the most accomplished and the most experienced architect we have in the Negro race, and ranks among the best of any in the United States. Mr. Pittman's permanent address is now in Dallas and Dallas is proud to have him. The following is a description of the new Pythian Temple from Architect Pittman's own hand:

DESCRIPTION.

The main building measures 59x130½ feet, with an additional wing, enclosing stairways and elevator, measuring 16 feet by 55½ feet. The entire building rising 76 feet in the air above side walk level, is constructed from the foundation to the roof with a complete non-vibratory steel frame and brick walls securely laid in cement mortar. The stairway and elevator hall is entirely fireproof from top to bottom. In this hallway are two sets of iron stairs, each five feet wide all the way up, and a twelve passenger standard Otis Electric Elevator installed in a fireproof enclosure. In addition to these stairways and elevator service there are also two sets of approved fire (stairway) escapes, located at two separate and distinct places of escape in case of panics or other emergencies.

Properly speaking, the building is five stories high; the first floor containing two large stores, three small "shops" and a large spacious cafe in the rear. On this floor is also a large, well lighted corridor and lobby leading from the beautiful stone and marble vestibule entrance.

On the second floor are seventeen suites of offices, each containing a private office and a reception office. Ninety per cent of the partition wall space on this floor is taken up with florentine glass sash and transoms. Spacious Corridors and Lobby provide ample means of exit and inter communication.

On the third floor are three large Lodge Rooms and Ante-rooms, four robing rooms, ten sets of lockers and Corridors and Lobby similar to those on second floor. One of these Lodge Rooms is to be devoted mainly to the Dallas Knights of Pythias Lodges. Another (the largest) is set aside for the use of the Grand Court of Calanthe and the third to be rented to lodges of other Orders. The Lodge Rooms are equipped with individual Locker Rooms for each tenant Lodge.

On the fourth floor is located the Grand Lodge (K. of P.) Auditorium, with its Committee rooms, Ante-rooms, Stair, Hall, Lobby, Rostrum and Mezzanine toilet and dressing room floors. The Auditorium extends through the fourth and fifth floors—the clear height of the ceiling from main floor being 25 feet.

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22	.59	1.18	39	1.03	2.06
23	.62	1.21	40	1.08	2.15
24	.63	1.25	41	1.12	2.23
25	.65	1.28	42	1.17	2.33
26	.66	1.32	43	1.22	2.43
27	.69	1.37	44	1.27	2.53
28	.70	1.40	45	1.28	2.56
29	.73	1.45	46	1.39	2.77
30	.75	1.50	47	1.45	2.89
31	.78	1.55	48	1.54	3.08
32	.80	1.61	49	1.59	3.17
33	.83	1.66	50	1.65	3.31
34	.86	1.72	51	1.73	3.46
			52	1.83	3.65

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Does Much Business  
At Tuesday Session

There were 360 delegates from South Carolina, Georgia, Tennessee and Alabama in the grand lodge of Rising Sons and Daughters of Protection, a negro lodge holding its ninth annual session in the St. John A. M. E. Church, and presided over by Carrie A. Tuggle of Birmingham.

Rev. J. C. Cooke of Selma made the opening prayer, and Dr. H. W. Newsum read the Scripture lesson. Welcome to the city was extended by Dr. D. H. C. Scott, which was responded to by Charles Stewart, A. M., of Chicago. Music was rendered by Tuggle Institute band. H. S. Shadwick extended welcome for the churches and Dr. E. J. Gregg responded. Other addresses were delivered by Lula Cooke Boss, Mary Butler, Selma; Henrietta Lovelace, Mary F. Wade, Nannie E. King, Birmingham, W. R. Roberson.

There was a large amount of busi-

ness transacted in the grand lodge yesterday. The annual address of the presiding officer reviewing the work of the past twelve months was made by Carrie A. Tuggle. She made a strong plea for negro education. She declared the ignorance was a curse, a liability to any community, and she thought it is much better to build schools and employ teachers than it is to build jails and employ police officers. Crime and criminals come from the vicious, ignorant men and women.

Pauline D. Jackson of Birmingham made a plea for the negro girl, begging that she be protected by the negro men and not destroyed by them.

Fannie Cosby, grand secretary, reported showing that an increase of nearly 2,000 members was had during the past twelve months. "Our people are learning to do something," she said, "and I am glad of it. Better homes, better churches, better health, are some of the things we are working for."

W. W. Haroldson will address the lodge Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock, giving some information on insurance.

The students of the Tuggle Institute will give a public concert Wednesday night at the Pekin Theatre.



## ELKS ASK COURTS TO ENJOIN NEGRO ORDER

Want Title Protected and Hold  
No Others Have Right  
to Its Use

### SAY THEY CONFLICT

Federal court was asked yesterday to enjoin a negro organization from using the name "Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World." Suit to this end was filed by the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States, which informed the court it has a membership of 34,842 in Pennsylvania and 453,516 thruout the country.

It is pointed out that the "Elks of the World" have no connection whatever with the regular order. It is complained that the description the negro organization gives itself, the fact that its officers are known by the same titles as those of the well-known order and the practice of the members in wearing Elk badges, tend to deceive the public into believing it is the regular Elk organization.

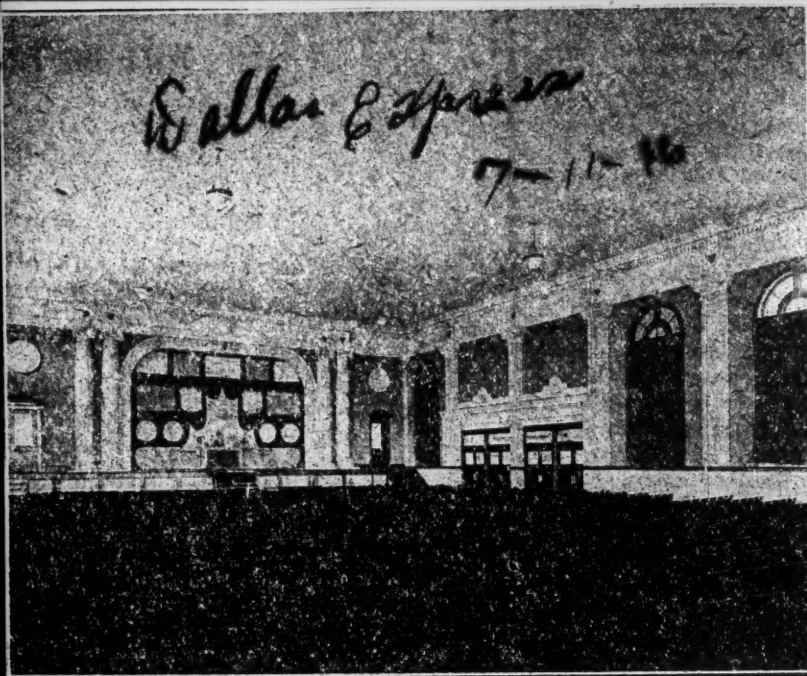
The argument is made that the appropriation of the word "Elks" is an infringement on the name of the recognized organization, and it is asserted that the courts of Ohio and New York have restrained the negro organization from using the word in its title.

It is explained that no "race" question is involved in the suit. "Were the members of the defendant organization white persons," said counsel for the complainants, "the suit would have been brought just the same. The issue at stake is the infringement of the name 'Elks.'"

Value of property owned by subordinate lodges all over the country is given as \$26,000,000. The report of the grand secretary last month showed net assets of \$28,373,798.62. Since the order was founded it has spent \$6,146,068.49 for charitable purposes.

**PENN STATE MASONRY ELKS OFFICERS SHRINERS**  
**BY GEORGIA COURT**  
(Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.)

ATLANTA, Ga. (The State Supreme Court has upheld a temporary injunction granted in Fulton Superior Court on behalf of the Arab Temple of the "Ancient Order of the Nobles of the Mystic Shrine," a Masonic organization using the name "Ancient Egyptian, Arabic Order of Nobles of the Mystic Shrine of North and South America." The case now is to go before a Fulton County petit jury for decision of the facts.



K. of P. GRAND AUDITORIUM (Interior View)



K. of P. TEMPLE (Exterior View)

### Negro Grand Lodge At Luverne Proves Very Successful One

(Special to The Advertiser.)

LUVERNE, ALA., Nov. 4.—The eighteenth annual session of the Love and Do Well Grand Lodge came to a successful close at noon today, after one of the most pleasant and harmonious sessions in its history, commencing on Wednesday morning at half past 10 o'clock.

A special train left Montgomery at 9 o'clock Wednesday morning over the Atlantic Coast Line Railroad, carrying a delegation of nearly 100 members and officers of the organization. This special train had been secured through the special efforts of Dr. A. L. Swindall and Rev. I. H. Rose, and the entire Grand Lodge joins in with Dr. Swindall and Rev. Rose in profound thanks to the officials of the Coast Line for their many courtesies and kindnesses shown to all.

Most of the business was carried out on the first and second days, and the third was devoted to the hearing of reports and minor talks, papers etc.

An invitation was extended the mayor of Luverne to come and address the Grand Lodge on Thursday night, but he could not attend. However the committee appointed to see the mayor secured the consent of J. C. McLendon, editor of The Luverne Journal, one of the oldest papers in Crenshaw County, to come and make a talk. Mr. McLendon was there promptly on the minute and spoke for a short while, making the delegation welcome to the city and to the entire country.

Mr. McLendon was responded to by Prof. Y. R. Swindall and Rev. W. S. Dacons, both being at their very best.

Probably the most talked of man

in the Grand Lodge was Rev. W. S. Dacons, who made several talks and preached one sermon. He is a convincing speaker, and made an impression whenever he rose. Other sermons were delivered by Revs. J. M. Howard, W. Wilson, E. R. Rose and Presiding Elder J. W. Smith of the Luverne circuit, who is also chaplain of the Grand Lodge.

All Grand Lodge officers were retained with the exception of Rev. R. S. Taylor, grand lecturer, who was succeeded by Prof. Y. R. Swindall. Taylor was suspended from the order for sixty days for having "sown the seed of discord" during the past year.

Financial reports were exceedingly good considering the hard times and the great number of deaths that have occurred during the past fiscal year. A good balance was found to be left in the State Treasury and the endowment treasury.

The order was founded some eighteen years or more ago in Elmore County by Rev. S. L. Damous, who is the secretary of the endowment department. From a very small beginning this society has grown to a membership of over 2,000 strong.

**PENN STATE MASONRY ELKS OFFICERS**  
PHILADELPHIA, Pa.—In annual session in this city, the most Worshipful Grand Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons, State of Pennsylvania, elected the following officers for 1916:

John C. Morton, Pittsburgh, most worthy grand master; Robert J. Williams, right worthy deputy grand master; Andrew S. Coles, right worthy senior grand warden; Clarence C. Kittrell, right worthy junior grand warden; the Rev. John B. Stansbury, right worthy grand treasurer; William H. Miller, Philadelphia, right worthy grand secretary.



W. SIDNEY PITTMAN

Architect K. of P. Temple

Address—1018 Germania Street, Dallas, Texas

### MANY NEGROES ATTEND WAYCROSS CONVENTION

Waycross, Ga., September 19.—(Special.)—With twenty-one hundred delegates present from Georgia, Florida and Alabama, the annual tri-state convention of the Order of the Supreme Circle, a negro association, convened here today, to continue in session through Sunday.

W. O. Watson, of Albany, is the present head of the organization. At the opening exercises tonight a number of talks were made and Mayor Deaton, for the city, extended the delegates a welcome.



# Elks Convene in Philadelphia

THE seventeenth annual convention of the Grand Lodge L. B. P. O. E. W. was a grand occasion and all Philadelphia did honor to the sign of the Elk. There were entertainments and a magnificent parade and many banquets.

The following officers were elected: Grand Exalted Ruler Armond W. Scott, Washington, D. C.; Esteemed Leading Knight Geo. W. McMechen, Baltimore, Md.; Secretary Geo. E. Bates, Newark, N. J.; Treasurer Jas. T. Carter, Richmond, Va. The next convention will be held in Cleveland, Ohio.

The Grand Lodge was held at Cherry Memorial Baptist Church. Interesting addresses were delivered by Harry W. Bass, Philadelphia, Pa.; Frank Wheaton, New York City, and Armond W. Scott. The address of welcome was delivered by State Statistician Catell of Pennsylvania, and the opening invocation by Grand Chaplain James E. Churchman. It is estimated that in the parade there were over four thousand Antlers from the United States and the Bahamas and that ten thousand viewed the splendid spectacle.

The new Grand Exalted Ruler was, at the opening of the Grand Lodge, a Past Exalted Ruler. He succeeds T. G. Nutter.

## RECORD

Philadelphia, Pa.

## ELKS FIGHT COLORED ORDER

Appeal to Court to Restrain Use of Their Title.

Objecting to the use of the name "The Improved Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the World" by an organization composed of colored people, the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States of America, well known as the "Order of Elks," yesterday filed an equity suit in the United States District Court for an injunction to restrain the defendant from appropriating that portion of the "Order of Elks," and to restrain its members from wearing or displaying Elks' badges, emblems or insignia. A hearing will be held by Judge Dickinson next Friday.

In the bill of complaint it is asserted that the "Elks of the World" have no connection whatever with the regular order, but the description it gives itself, together with the fact that its officers are known by the same titles as those of the well-known order, and that its members wear Elk badges, deceives the public into believing that it is an Elk organization.

## KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS

### GRAND LODGE

*The Dallas Express*  
6/17/16.

GRAND LODGE KNIGHTS OF PYTHIAS AND COURTS OF CALANTHE IN SESSION—DR. A. N. PRINCE WIELDS THE GAVEL IN THE GRAND SESSION AND MRS. A. D. KEY PRESIDES OVER THE GRAND COURT.

MRS. S. C. WHITE

Completely Captures the Audience in Delivering the Welcome Address in Behalf of the Calanthians.

The Grand Lodge of the Knights of Pythias and the Grand Court of Calanthe, have brought to Dallas many people from all parts of the state during the week. The Grand Lodge was presided over by Dr. A. N. Prince of Sherman, Texas, who is not only one of the leading physicians of the State, but a leader of men.

The reception was given Monday night, when the auditorium of the temple was taxed to its capacity, and several hundred people were unable to get inside of the hall. Music was rendered by the choir of New Hope Baptist church, Hon. D. M. Mason, presided.

The opening prayer was made by the Rev. J. A. McPherson, and the first address of Welcome was delivered by Commissioner A. C. Cason, who was loud in his praises of the order and the race for the progress made. He offered some good advice to the people. He felt that the people had their minds fixed to hear the mayor of the city, who was in St. Louis and had delegated him to deliver the welcome. To this address Prof. R. S. Thweatt of Paris responded.

Mrs. S. C. White delivered an address for the Courts of Calanthe, which was well prepared and appropriate. This address was responded to by Mrs. A. B. Thomas, of Waco, and selection by Mrs. L. V. Guinn of Ft. Worth, bringing out the condition of the race brought down the house. The local lodges extended welcome by Editor W. E. King, of the Dallas Express, and G. A. Randolph, of LaGrange responded. An instrumental solo by Mrs. W. S. Willis, of Waco, was well received. The gavel was presented to Mrs. Key by Mrs. S. H. Norris, and the gavel

was presented to Grand Chancellor Prince, by D. M. Mason.

Tuesday morning at 9:30, Grand Chancellor A. N. Prince called the Grand Lodge to order, and it opened in due form. Following the opening Dr. Prince delivered an address, reviewing the building of the Temple and the accomplishment of the order during the past year. He regretted that there were those in the rank who were grumblers and would destroy it if they could. "To be a leader of this race of ours and do something means death. We have not learned yet to honor our leaders. Sit still and let a thing die, and you have no opposition, but build it up, bring to it progress, and you will find many human crabs who will seek to pull you down."

"People are talking about wanting a change, and the Lord knows what else. Four years long enough, and so many other expressions. Brethren, let us unite and do all the good we can."

The Grand Lodge was duly opened and Committee on Rules and Committee on Credentials were appointed, and then a recess was had. Each session has been full of interest, but the main time was Tuesday night when the Pythian Temple was dedicated. Excellent music was rendered, and Grand Chancellor Prince made a few remarks setting forth it was the dedicatory exercises. He presented Past Grand Chancellor L. M. Mitchell, who, in turn, introduced Supreme Chancellor S. W. Green of New Orleans, who presided.

*Dallas Express*, 6/17/16.  
Roscoe's Great Speech.

A brief history of the Temple was presented by Prof. W. L. Davis, and Mrs. N. A. Kirk, of Waco, told of the annual report of M. M. Rodger, Temple and the Calanthe in verse. It was an able address. But all were looking forward to the feature of the evening, the dedicatory address. This was delivered by the matchless orator of the age, that young prince of platform speakers, Roscoe C. Simmons of Louisville, Ky. This young man is attracting the attention of the country, and it is said that he is in demand by all races in America. On the public rostrum he is in as much demand as was Booker T. Washington, and is filling many places that Washington filled during his life.

Sways 1500 People. During the delivery of his able address, Mr. Simmons swayed his audience at will, and at times over 1,500 were death-like silent, eager to hear every word. He made some beautiful pictures during his address. Without a doubt he is a great orator, and a man who is doing things.

He went back to fifty years ago by Mrs. L. V. Guinn of Ft. Worth, bringing out the condition of the race then, and bringing them up to this time. He pointed to when the Negro lived in one room log cabins, mud chimneys and dirt floors, on which the children were born, when the Negro could not figure, could not read or write, when he followed the plow as

property, when he sang refrains with tears and heartaches, but when he turned to the change the audience all but stood up. He said that the Negro was now dressed in the robes of citizenship, slept beneath 500,000 roofs which he called home, and accumulated in fifty years. "To-night," he said, I can figure, and I can cypher too, and can write a check for a billion dollars in property gathered by my people through toil and anxiety.

"Tonight my eager plow turns the waiting soil to the sun on a million acres of land bought from my former master." As the speaker pictured the condition of the slave mother and father fleeing and pursued by blood hounds, he brought tears to many eyes. His description of Booker T. Washington, entering the pearly gates and being received by Abraham Lincoln was an occasion for an outburst of loud and long applause. "Booker Washington did not know the day of his birth," he said, "but the world can never forget the day of his death. He reached up and took education out of the clouds and put it within the reach of the masses in poverty as well as the classes."

Wednesday morning after the opening exercises, Joseph L. Jones, Supreme Worthy Counsellor, Cincinnati, Ohio; S. W. Green, Supreme Chancellor, and Col. R. C. Simmons were presented to the Grand Lodge. This was then followed by the able and masterly address of Grand Chancellor Prince, which was said to be the best and finest delivered. He took up every phase of the work and covered all departments.

The first thing in the afternoon was the annual report of M. M. Rodger, grand keeper of records and seal. His report was replete in information. Every little detail of his office was reported giving entire satisfaction to the representatives.

## S CLOSE ENTIONS IZATIONS Reduced to Caloosa Gets Meetings

At the annual meeting of the Jurisdiction of Alabama, Free and Accepted Masons, held at the Grand Master's residence, Walter Thomas Woods, Mobile, Grand Master and Nathian McDaniels, of Hart, secretary and the twenty-second annual session of the Masonic Grand Chapter Order of Eastern Star, Jurisdiction of Alabama, Janie M. Balasco of Mobile royal grand matron, closed their meetings Thursday evening after installing their officers and participating in a complimentary banquet on the campus of the State Normal school.

Six hundred local lodges and three hundred and fifty-six local chapters were represented by more than twelve hundred delegates. The active membership of the grand lodge is 12,000, the grand chapter 7,000; total membership 19,000.

Total receipts for the grand lodge amounted to \$99,385.57 including \$8,088.05 for the grand lodge and \$91,297.52 on endowment \$2,400 being collected by both departments at the Montgomery meeting. Sixteen hundred dollars was collected at this meeting. A. A. Peter secretary and eight hundred dollars was received by Secretary McDaniel during the Montgomery session.

## Big Collections Made.

The grand chapter received during the year on endowment fund \$17,769.94 including \$157 collected at the Montgomery meeting. The treasurer of the grand chapter received \$1,844.56; total \$19,614.50.

The total amount received by both state organizations during the year amounted to \$119,000.07. The treasurers did not have time to make out their expenses account as several bills were paid during the meetings.

The statements of the treasurers will be examined by the auditing committee and the financial status of the order will be published following the April meeting of the committee.

Several donations were made by the grand lodge, the State Normal School receiving fifty dollars.

## Endowment Cut to \$350.

On account of the small premiums paid into the endowment treasury of the grand lodge the death benefit was reduced from \$500 to \$350.

The grand lodge endorsed the movement by the stock holders of the Alabama Penny-Prudential Savings bank to organize the Alabama Penny Realty company the object of the plan being to protect the claims of depositors who lost money when the bank failed. The grand lodge had some two thousand dollars on deposit at the failure of the bank.

The officers of both grand lodges were re-elected with the exception of J. W. Powers deceased of the grand lodge and J. H. Creed of the grand chapter. J. D. Baker, of Miltonville, was appointed to fill the place made vacant by the death of Powell and Rev. F. C. H. Champany of Montgomery was elected instead of Creed.

## Grand Lodge Officers.

The grand lodge officers are: Walter Woods, Mobile, grand master; James A. Byrd of Birmingham deputy grand master; J. R. Curtis Dothan, senior warden; Joseph Phillips, Pike Road, junior warden; C. O. Diffay, Birmingham, grand treasurer; C. N. McDaniels Hartselle grand secretary R. B. Hudson, Selma endowment treasurer; A. A. Peters, Girard, endowment secretary; The officers of grand chapter are: Janie M. Balasco, Mobile, royal grand matron; Elizabeth M. Davidson, Centerville, associate; I. H. Rose, Wetumpka, grand patron; Rev. C. H. Champany, Montgomery, associate; Lavinia R. Burwell, Selma, secretary; Agnes V. Moore Montgomery treasurer; Lena A. Vines, Birmingham, endowment secretary; Addie E. Douglass, Birmingham, endowment treasurer.

The meetings were considered the best in the history of the lodges.

Next meeting will be held in Tuscaloosa.



# HON. C. M. WHITE OF DENVER

*Kansas City Sun 12-16-16*  
**Supreme Commander American Woodmen at  
Centennial M. E. Church, 19th Street and  
Woodland Avenue, Monday  
Night, December 18th**

## Public Installation of Officers of Kansas City Camp No. 5. American Woodmen

**Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Principal of Lincoln High School and Lawyer  
W. C. Houston Will Also Speak**

Kansas City will have the privilege of hearing Hon. C. M. White, Supreme Commander of American Woodmen, at Centennial M. E. Church, Monday night, December 18. This is the first public appearance of Mr. White in Kansas City, and Kansas City Camp No. 5 is fortunate in securing the presence of the supreme commander on this occasion. The supreme commander of American Woodmen is an eminent man and is regarded by insurance men as an authority on fraternal insurance. When it is known that the American Woodmen, a colored fraternity, with more than thirty millions of dollars of insurance written, with a system and management, with safety and soundness surpassed by no one of the great white fraternal societies and with a 100 per cent valuation which meets every requirement of the insurance laws of the various states, is presided over by this man, stamps him as one of the business giants of the day.

Kansas City Camp No. 5 was recently organized by Deputies George C. Martin and H. L. Billups. It has in four weeks' time over 150 of the best men and women of our city as members. The American Woodmen is one fraternal society that men and women of character and ability represent it. The Hon. C. M. White is a University of Michigan man. Mr. George C. Martin, national deputy, is a product of Clark University, Atlanta, and Northwestern University of Evanston, Ill. Prof. H. L. Billups, formerly of George R. Smith College, Sedalia, recently dean of Wiley University, Marshall, Texas, is a product

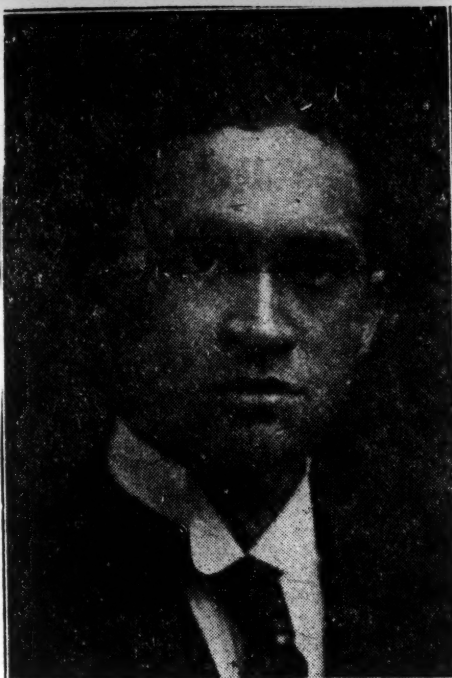
of Oberlin and Michigan. He is an L. L. B. & Ph. D. At Monday night's meeting Prof. J. R. E. Lee, Lawyer W. C. Houston and Rev. Wm. Alphin of the Second Church will speak. An interesting program will be rendered. The following officers will be installed:

Mr. James A. Walker, commander.  
Mr. W. Lee Whiby, vice commander.  
Mr. P. C. James, clerk.  
Mrs. Clara E. Adams, auditor.  
Mrs. Josephine Abernathy, recorder.  
Mr. Chester A. Franklin, banker.  
Mr. C. R. Groves, escort.  
Mr. W. D. Lewis, secretary.  
Mr. Moses Tandy, watchman.  
Mrs. Sarah Perkins, chairman sick committee.

Mr. A. G. Nelson, prelate.  
Dr. W. H. Bruce, medical examiner.  
Mr. F. J. Weaver and Dr. J. E. Dibble are trustees of the local camp. The American Woodmen have appointed Neighbors L. D. Hines and T. A. Ross as salaried deputies for Missouri.

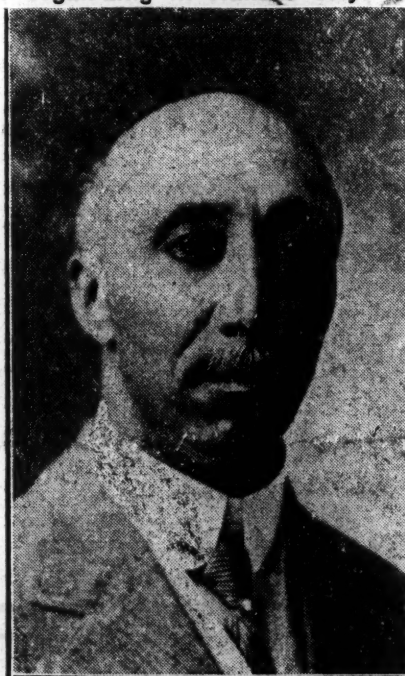
### NEGRO FRATERNAL CONGRESS 1916 CALLED OFF.

*Conservative News 11-28-16*  
The annual meeting of the Negro Fraternal Congress for 1916 has been called off until 1917 for reasons, the Executive Committee thought best, as stated by the Secretary. The calling off of this year's meeting is much regretted by some of the Grand Lodges as many questions affecting the general welfare of the fraternal organizations throughout the State will remain unsettled for the present at least. The 1917 Conference bids fair to eclipse any of the former, and this too will mark the beginning of a biannual session which the Executive Committee hopes to place in vogue.



GEO. C. MARTIN.

The hustling and popular organizer and representative of the American Woodmen who is breaking all records for organizing in Kansas City.



HON. C. M. WHITE.

### A RETROSPECTIVE REVIEW OF THE ORDER OF TRUE REFORMERS.

The Grand Fountain United Order of True Reformers, founded 35 years ago by Rev. William Washington Browne, which suffered financial reverses in 1910 and 1914, is again throwing off the weight of liabilities that has impeded its progress, and is marching towards the hill of success and restored confidence.

On December 7, 1914, the Board of

Directors created an Executive Committee to administer the affairs of the Grand Fountain and to assume responsibilities for the conducting of all business transactions. This committee immediately secured the services of a certified accountant to audit the books of the Grand Fountain. The records were found to be correct. Their next action was to require the Executive Officers to furnish security in a reliable bonding company, the Grand Worthy Master, Secretary and Treasurer being bonded each in the sum of \$3,000, and the Chief of Finance giving bond for \$1,000, total joint bond aggregating \$10,000 in the United States Fidelity Bonding Co.

The Executive Committee set out on this great task of systematizing the office work, building membership, and making the Brotherhood to feel that every penny of the Grand Fountain's funds would be administered economically and honestly. Weekly meetings have been held, at which time reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer have been rendered and accounts audited and every effort is being made to satisfy all who hold claims against the Grand Fountain. It has been a tremendous task, but through the untiring efforts of the Board of Directors, Chiefs and Deputies on the field, hard working office force and loyal Brotherhood, we were able to make a report at the last annual session that was gratifying under these conditions.

It is perhaps unnecessary to state that there were many within the pale of the Brotherhood who desire our destruction, and that there were some found within our ranks who failed to keep the faith, but this grand old institution that had been so well planned by the Founder had become a byword among us, having furnished help and shelter for so many, it could not be destroyed in a day, but remains as a living monument to the sainted William Washington Browne, and if we who keep the faith prove true to our trust, its future for all time is assured.

Our receipts for the year ending August 31, 1915—\$46,000, during this same period, settled death claims amounting to approximately \$30,000. From the date of the failure of the Savings Bank of the G. F., U. O. T. R. Oct. 1910 to September 30, 1915, this institution in the face of severe criticism and great opposition, has received the amount of \$412,358.98; amount of death claims paid \$186,251.83; number of policies issued during the same period, 23,591; number of

Fountains organized and reinstated during the same period, 231. The Grand Fountain operates in 21 states and reported at the last annual session, 20,722 members. More than 2,000 policies were issued last year. The Grand Fountain owns its Main Building and Old Folk's Home valued at \$30,000. Improvements amounting to \$1,500 have been recently made on the Main Office building, greatly en-

hancing its value. Stores are being rented on the first floor and the Main Auditorium is being regularly booked for engagements.

The Executive Committee calls upon every race-loving man and woman to show his or her appreciation for the untold good done by this order in the past, by linking up with them in this "WIN ONE" CAMPAIGN for the purpose of doubling our membership, increasing confidence and placing upon firmer foundation, the work of the Grand Fountain, United Order of True Reformers.

(Signed) S. S. MORRIS, G. W. M.



### DR. W. HERBERT BRUCE. Shriners Lose Suit, but Will Continue Fight.

*Conservative News 11-28-16*  
Rabban Temple of the Mystic Shrine is preparing to contest the temporary injunction that was issued against its continuance at Atlanta, Ga., by the Superior Court of Fulton county eighteen months ago, and which was affirmed by the State Supreme Court last Friday. The case hung fire for months because most of the judges were disqualified on account of being Mystic Shriners or were related to those belonging to the order.

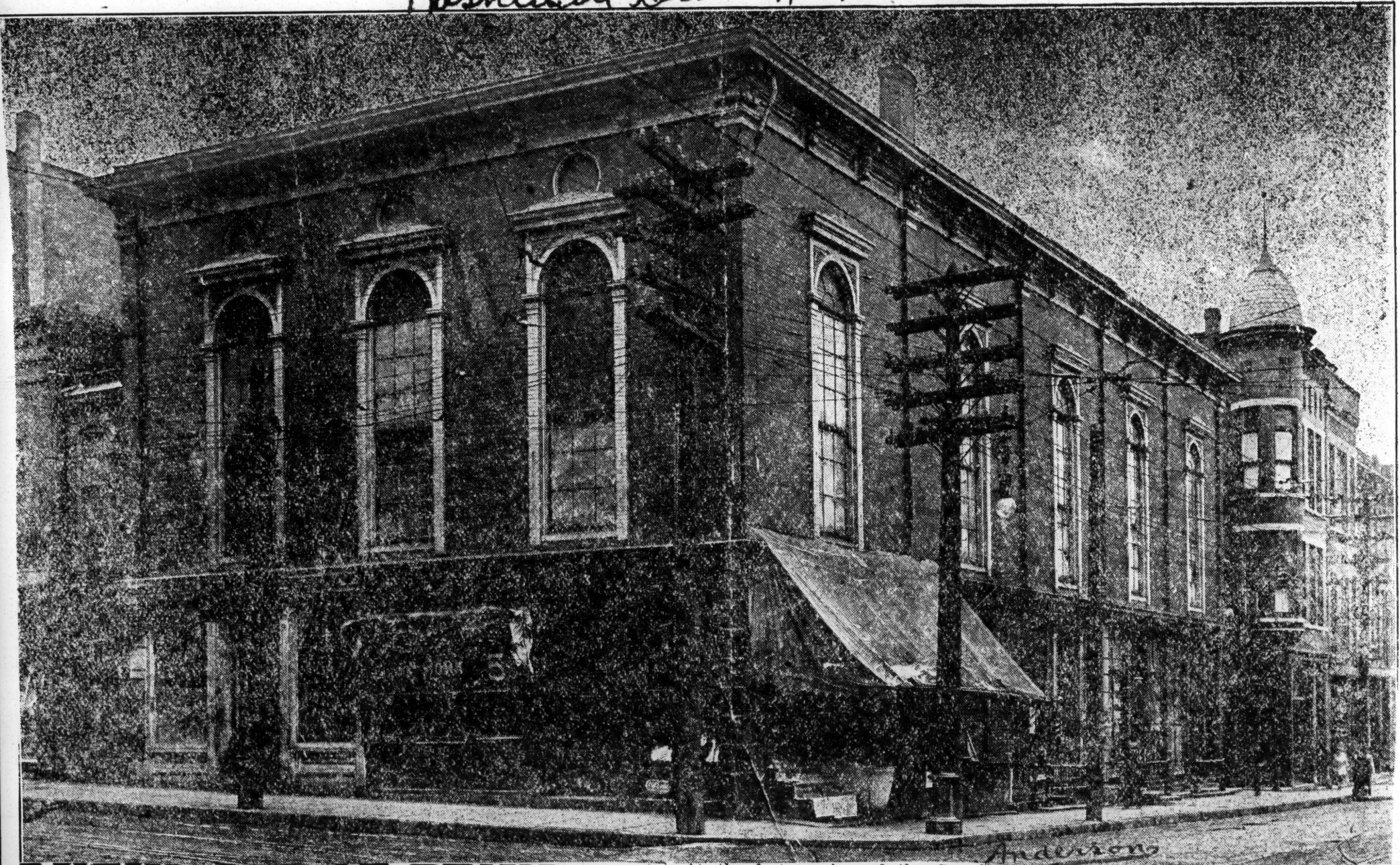
Injunction proceedings were sought by Yaarab Temple from using the insignia, regalia, etc., common to the Mystic Shrine.

The injunction proceedings will now be tried in the Superior Court on its merits. Its outcome will be watched in all parts of the country, as an adverse decision may be the forerunner of hostile acts to colored Mystic Shriners in other States.



The Building Recently Purchased by the Pythian Commission. Then Remodeled Will be the Pythian Temple of Tennessee.

Nashville Globe 11-24-16



PYTHIANS OF TENN.

PURCHASE PROPERTY

Nashville Globe 11-3-16

\$25,000 BUILDING, CENTER OF CITY

German American Hall Building, Fourth Avenue and Cedar Street

At the last session of the Grand Lodge Knights of Pythias, Jurisdiction of Tennessee, the sentiment was so strong for a Pythian Temple that a resolution was passed to appoint a commission with the power to acquire and report at the next Grand Session to be held in Memphis. The Pythian Temple Commission was duly appointed and shortly after the meeting of the Grand Lodge members were called to Nashville to consider purchasing the Duncan hotel property. The price named to the Commission was \$75,000. After due consideration the proposition was not accepted since the commission were not willing to place so great a burden upon the membership. The next property to be considered was the German-American building, made by a fraternal organization. The purchase price was \$25,000. Considering the location of the property in the heart of the city one-half block from the transfer station and the handsome revenue to be derived from the purchase, it is thought to be one of the best deals of its kind.

accompanied by Mrs. J. W. Evans. The circle then had an hour for practice after which the charming hostess served a delicious menu consisting of pickles, salad, dressed peppers, crackers, home baked bread, cake and cream. The circle adjourned to meet next Wednesday evening with the Secretary. The Pink Rose Circle held an interesting meeting on last Friday afternoon at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Dock Taylor, with her daughter little Miss Fanny Taylor as the charming hostess. The president, Miss Lue Bailey presiding. The club spent an hour in crocheting. The afternoon was most pleasantly spent. During the afternoon a most tempting ice course was served. A group of very charming school misses have organized a club known as the



Tennessee Embroidery Club, thus banding themselves together to do better work, showing the training they are receiving daily at the Dunbar Training School. This club held its first meeting on last Friday afternoon with the attractive little president, Miss Carrie Shaw as hostess. A delicious menu was served. Mr. Willie Peoples of Memphis is visiting friends in our city. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Green of Tyus Ave. entertained with an elaborate dinner on Sunday afternoon. A five course menu was served. The o'possum baked with the sweet potatoes, made the guests feel that they were enjoying an advanced Thanksgiving menu. The dining table was beautifully decorated with autumn flowers. The dinner was served in honor of Mrs. Anna Van Meter of Toledo, O., and Mr. Dorsey Parker of Pueblo, Colo. Dr. and Mrs. J. L. Curtis also had the pleasure of enjoying the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Green. On last Thursday morning Mesdames C. M. Gloster and J. W. Evans accompanied Mrs. Anna Van Meter of Toledo, O., out to visit the Dunbar Training School. The visit made a beautiful address which was very striking and instructive. Rev. Raleigh A. Scott, was a pleasant visitor of The Dunbar Training School on Monday of this week a marriage of much surprise to all, was that of Mr. Jeff Holmes and Miss Fay Hayes the attractive little daughter of Mr. A. D. Hayes. They were quietly married on Saturday afternoon, Oct. 21, 1916. The Rev. Mr. Boon officiating. The bride is a well accomplished young girl, being very popular in the younger circle. Mr. and Mr. Jeff Holmes are at home to their many friends at the residence of the groom's parents. The many friends wish for them a prosperous future. Further particulars will appear from time to time in the Nashville Globe.

The Grand Chancellor and other members have received many congratulations upon the wisdom of the action of the Temple Commission.

In all probability the Grand Court of Calanthe will take part in the Temple project at their next Grand session. The Grand Worthy Counsellor, Mrs. Cora E. Burke, is very much impressed with the idea of having an up-to-date Temple. It is well known that the Grand Worthy Counsellor stands for all that will tend towards making the order progressive and up-to-the-minute. She will in the future as in the past lend her best energies toward encouraging the project. She will be ably seconded by every Calanthean in the Jurisdiction as the Courts of the state will readily yield to her wisdom in the matter.

The Calanthe Court Jurisdiction of Tennessee takes no backward steps. They are for the betterment of existing conditions and long for this

state to be well up in the procession of progress.

The following lines are appropriate just now:

Have you been to the Lodge of the "Has Beens,"

In the slumbering town of "Slow,"

Where the pessimist howls,

And the knocker growls,  
And the winds of misery blow?

They live on the memories of "Used to be,"

And their password is "What's the Use?"

It would make you sick

If you heard them kick,

For they scatter some rank abuse.

They meet in the hall room of "Any Place,"

On a street called "Nothing to Me,"

Where the leaves have fled,

And the limbs are dead,

On the tree of Fraternity.

If you've never been to the lodge of "Grouch,"

In the valley of "I don't care,"

Don't show your face

In the dismal place,

For you'll never be happy there.

Just measure yourself by the "Has Been" rule,

And see about where you stand,

Then shake off the dust,

Of the "Used to Be" rust,

And hustle to beat the band.

—The Universal Engineer.

#### FLEUR-DELIS ART AND STUDY CLUB.

The Fleur-De-Lis Art and Study Club held its semi-monthly meeting Thursday, October 26, 1916, at the residence of Mrs. J. W. Bostick, 1416 Edgehill Ave., Mrs. T. C. Moore, presiding. Quite a large membership was present. The following answer will appear from time to time in the Nashville Globe.

The following program was rendered, Paper, "How to Promote Interest in Club Work." Mrs. W. B. Vassar. This paper was very instructive and highly appreciated by all present.

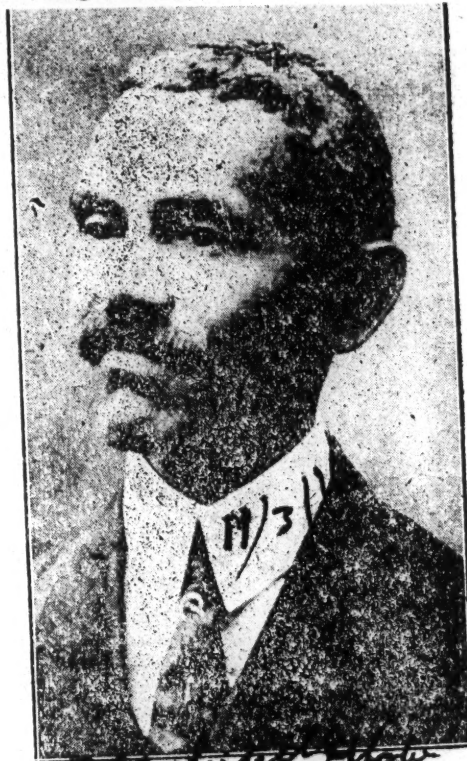
Vocal Solo—Mrs. M. McKissack. Mrs. McKissack's voice known by its sweetness was never more enjoyed than on this occasion.

The hostess served a delicious two course menu and proved herself quite capable of making things pleasant and enjoyable. The beautiful home on this occasion was very inviting and together with the congeniality of the guests and members made the meeting an ideal one.

After a pleasant social hour the ladies departed each for their separate home feeling richly repaid for the afternoon thus spent.

The next meeting will be held

Thursday, November 2, 1916 at the residence of Mrs. H. A. Boyd, 1603 Harding street.



MR. A. W. FITE



DR. J. P. CRAWFORD

## GEORGIA COURT DEFERS TRIAL

Georgia Odd Fellows are in Court to Have Permanent Re-

## Receivers Appointed. INGRAM & DAVIS IN CONTROL 3/9/16.

Large Meeting of Members of Order from All Over State Held in Savannah to Secure Control of Affairs.

### WANT OTHER RECEIVERS NAMED

Not Satisfied to Have the Property and Assets of the Order Handled by the Old Officers, who are Under a Sentence of One Year's Suspension, by Order of the S.-C. of M.—Policy Holders Organized.

Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Odd Fellows case, which was to be heard by Judge Bell on Saturday, March 4, was postponed to Saturday, March 11. It was called for hearing, but the postponement followed.

This was the suit instituted by Dr. A. D. Jones, under which the old executive committee was named as temporary receivers by Judge W. D. Ellis. The result of this action was that B. S. Ingram and B. J. Davis were continued in control of the financial affairs of the District Grand Lodge.

At a meeting held in Savannah on February 22 about two hundred delegates from various lodges in the State held a meeting and selected an executive committee of nine, which committee it was proposed should be named to the court on March 4 with the request that it supersede the old executive committee as receivers of the funds and properties of the Order. The meeting was attended by about five hundred members of the Order, many of them being present because of their interest in the matters to be considered. The meeting was held in the Masonic Temple, West Gwinnett street, and Dr. B. W. S. Daniels presided.

The presence at the meeting of the Rev. W. Decker Johnson, J. C. Styles and J. M. Pitts, members of the old executive committee, and, under the order from Judge Ellis, co-receivers

with Ingram and Davis, caused considerable discussion, especially as the three men contended for positions on the executive committee to be named by the meeting. Their argument was that they were surviving members of the deposed executive committee, and already temporary receivers of the property and assets of the order. Although this contention met with opposition, it was decided, for the sake of harmony, to name the three men.

#### The Nine Men Selected.

There were 281 lodges enrolled by the credential committee, and it was estimated that about 150 lodges were represented. Any Odd Fellow in possession of the password was admitted. The temporary organization effected named Dr. B. W. S. Daniels of Savannah as chairman, R. E. Pharrow of Atlanta as secretary, and J. D. Powell as assistant secretary. In setting forth the object of the meeting, A. Graves of Atlanta, recognized as one of the leaders in opposition to the Ingram-Davis regime, advised the lodges that endowment moneys should be sent to B. J. Davis, receiver, under the order of the court. This is necessary because the endowment bureau is chartered separately under Georgia laws, and the action of the court in naming Ingram, Davis et al. as receivers takes the operation of the endowment bureau from under the jurisdiction of the Sub-Committee of Management for the time being.

The nine men named for the executive committee to be presented to the Fulton County Court are: Dr. B. W. S. Daniels and Walter Scott of Savannah, A. Graves and R. E. Pharrow of Atlanta, J. C. Styles of Dawson, the Rev. W. Decker Johnson of Plains, Dr. J. C. Atkinson of Macon, J. Q. Elias of Sparta, and J. M. Pitts of Brunswick. These names will be presented to the court when the case comes up on March 11 to be substituted in place of the old committee headed by Ingram and Davis, which is now serving.

#### Organize Policy Holders' Association.

In the meantime some indication of the plans which are being laid by the Ingram-Davis faction in preparation for adverse contingencies is shown in the fact that a meeting of policy holders in the endowment bureau has been held and a temporary organization effected. At this meeting the Policy Holders' Association was formed, with permanent officers, for the purpose, it was stated, of protecting the interests of the policy



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# KNIGHTS OF GIDEON IN

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## 19TH ANNUAL SESSION

ENTHUSIASTIC SESSIONS WERE  
HELD IN BETHEL A. M. E.  
CHURCH, HAMPTON—DEPUTY  
COMMANDERS REPORT VERY  
SATISFACTORY GROWTH OF  
ORDER.

### Body Given Cordial Welcome By Mayor Ransom of Hampton

(By Geo. R. Jones.)

Hampton, Va., July 11.—The nineteenth annual session of the Grand Lodge of Knights of Gideon of America convened in this city this morning, the Rev. J. J. Mainor, Supreme Commander, presiding. Promptly at 11:15 o'clock the Supreme Commander sounded the gavel for order. Seventy-five delegates joined in singing the ancient Ode of the Order, Sir C. J. Jones, the Supreme Prelate, offered a fervent prayer. After a short address by the Supreme Commander charging the delegation to acquit themselves as true and loyal representatives of their constituents he ordered that the Grand Lodge be called off to reconvene at 3 o'clock p. m.

#### Afternoon Session.

The afternoon session was devoted to the appointment of committees and perfecting the organization of the Grand Lodge. The Grand Lodge re-assembled at 8 p. m. Rev. J. J. Mainor presiding, the devotionals were conducted by the presiding officer and the Rev. Jas. S. Hatcher, B. D., of Norfolk, Va. Sir C. J. Jones of Radford, Va., was called on to speak, which he did upon the subject of Unity. The choir of Bethel African M. E. Church in which the Grand Lodge is meeting, rendered a selection. Escorted by Sir R. B. Alexander, His Honor, Mayor M. C. Ransom, who had been scheduled to address the audience at that hour, came forward and was introduced by the Supreme Commander. The importance of right living and better homes was the burden of the Mayor's address. He emphasized the fact that Benevolent societies was an absolute necessity, especially among the masses of all

civilized races, he closed by welcoming the delegation to the city of Hampton and the hospitality of its citizens. The writer responded.

The hour having arrived for the delivery of the annual sermon. Rev. W. R. Howerton, A. B., pastor of Bethel A. M. E. Church, who had been selected by the Supreme Board to perform that task was introduced. He selected as a text Judges 7:30, from which he preached a great sermon. Rev. D. J. Lee, rector of Grace P. E. Church of Norfolk, was then introduced and delivered a most interesting address. Rev. Dr. J. S. Hatcher sang a solo, "I cannot drift," composed by himself, to the delight of all present. Messdames A. E. Vick and C. A. Briggs came forward and lifted a collection to the amount of \$6.00. Benediction by Rev. D. W. Baker.

#### Second Day's Session.

The Supreme Commander called the Grand Lodge to order at 10 o'clock a. m. The usual form of opening was observed, after which the Supreme Scribe, Sir F. E. Puryear, proceeded to read his annual report. The report showed that notwithstanding the unsettled condition of the political status in the United States represented in Washington the Capitol of our country, the great war in Europe and the clash on our border between this country and Mexico, going on for more than 12 months, which necessarily forces us to pay more for foodstuffs and other necessities of life, there had been a steady increase in membership and finance; more than five hundred persons have been initiated and received into the organization during the closing year. And still (the report continued) "we are receiving at headquarters daily applications for membership." The report was referred to the committee on Supreme Officers reports, after which the Supreme Commander proceeded to read his annual message, which to say the least was the production of a master mind, dealing with every phase of the Order, and the duties of the subordinate lodges.

Thirty-seven Deputy Commanders appointed by the Supreme Commander and his board at the rise of last Grand Lodge year, were called upon in the afternoon session of the second day to report their labors, which they did to the great satisfaction of the president of the organization and the delegates of the Supreme Grand Lodge. Practically every one of them reported progress and harmony in their respective lodges. Sir C. L. Griffin deserves special mention, for like men of the forest of ancient

times, the huge axe excepted, he has gone forth hueing his way into the very hearts of the people, inspiring them to higher heights to nobler and more loftier purposes in life. The delegates to the late session of the Supreme Lodge who heard the report of Sir Griffin were evidently inspired to do more this year than they have done heretofore.

At 8 p. m. the local lodge rendered an interesting program featured with a very logical and instructive speech by the Rev. Dr. J. W. Paterson, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Hampton. Paterson began by saying Supreme Commander was when he said Doctor Paterson a member of Benevolent I am not a member of any but the church, though I have been accused of being an enemy to societies. That is not true. I am a friend to any enterprise, any society and to any man or woman for that matter, that is helping to lift up my people." But said he, "you must mix religion and business together, dishonesty is a curse to any race. All societies must have the right man as leader, find that man and then give him authority and success is yours if you are willing to follow that leader. I think you Knights of Gideon have the right man in the right place, and my advice to you is to hold up his hands. We have in this country some very good men and women who have put their little means into the hands of dishonest men, those men were not honest, and the faith of a few has grown a little cold, but we cannot stop, other races have had bad men that had to be discharged and others selected, their example can well be emulated." The audience joined in singing a selection, the benediction was pronounced and the large crowd repaired to the lecture room of the church to be served with ice cream and cake prepared by the ladies of the local society.

#### Third Day's Session.

The Supreme Grand Lodge was called to order at 9:10 a. m. Supreme Commander Dr. J. J. Mainor, presiding, a selection was sung, the prelate offered prayer and the Grand Lodge was declared open for the dispatch of business. The committee on resolution made their report, the committee spoke in the highest praise of the Supreme Officers and commended them for their faithfulness in the discharge of their duties the past year, several delegates were permitted to speak, after which the resolution was unanimously adopted. The committee on memories was next to report. Thirty minutes was given to memorialize the forty-eight Sir Knights and sisters who, since the meeting of the last Grand Lodge have passed to the great beyond. "In that City" was sung; prayer was offered by Rev. Simeon A. Pelham. A part of the 14th chapter of Job was then read by the writer, after which the report was

read and adopted with bowed heads.

The Supreme Commander announced that the election of the Supreme Commander, Supreme Vice Commander, Supreme Treasurer, Supreme Scribe, Supreme Senior and the subordinate Supreme Grand Lodge Officers were in order. The writer put in nomination Rev. Dr. J. J. Mainor of Norfolk, Va., as Supreme Commander for the ensuing four years, there being no one to oppose him he was declared duly elected. The writer was elected Supreme Vice Commander, by acclamation. Sir F. E. Puryear was unanimously elected Supreme Scribe; Sir E. J. Puryear nominated and unanimously elected Supreme Treasurer; Mrs. A. E. Vick of Suffolk, Va., was also unanimously elected as Supreme Senior. Mrs. H. B. Hunter, who has acted as Deputy Scribe for a number of years was re-elected; Mrs. S. D. Chinn of Brandy Station, Va., was elected I. G.; Sir E. C. Wheeler of South Norfolk, was chosen for the ensuing twelve months as O. G.

The Grand Lodge re-established the office of Supreme Lecturer, and Sir J. S. Wallace, Ex-Vice Commander, was elected as Supreme Grand Lecturer. The Supreme Lodge was then called off to reconvene at 3 o'clock p. m.

At 3 o'clock p. m. accompanied by the Supreme Board, availed themselves of the opportunity to visit in a very good man and women who havebody the big dry dock and shipbuilding plant located at Newport News, Va. We left Hampton, Va., on two special trolley cars at 3:25 p. m., arriving at Newport News at 3:55 p. m. To those who had never seen a warship constructed and the big merchant vessels, this visit was indeed a rare treat.

#### Closing Exercises.

At 8 p. m. the following program was rendered: Rev. T. B. Barrett of Newsome, Va., offered prayer; song led by Sir H. J. Cooper of Hampton, Va.; recitation, Mrs. Ida Parker of Danville, Va.; Mrs. E. M. Fields of Radford sang a solo; Mrs. A. E. Vick of Suffolk, Va., read a most interesting paper on the subject, "Benevolent societies and their place in the business world"; quartet, Madames Ida Wheeler, Lula D. Jones, Sir I. C. Young, and Mrs. O. B. Robinson; Mrs. M. E. Miller of Norfolk, Va., read a paper subject, "Unity and Co-operation"; duet, Sir F. E. Puryear and Mrs. C. A. Briggs; paper, "Woman's place in the world," Mrs. Carrie Winder; recitation, Miss M. E. Nelson. At this point Mr. P. B. Young, editor of The Journal and Guide was introduced and delivered an instructive and interesting address on the subject, "Personal Preparedness." Sir C. J. Jones of Radford, Va., sang a solo.

The Supreme Commander took occasion to remark that the Supreme Lodge had been favored during its sessions with the presence of some of the leading clergymen of the state, for which he would, in behalf of the dele-

gates, tender them profound thanks. Dr. A. A. Graham, said he, is here tonight, and we would not dare close this session without having at least a few words from him. Doctor Graham, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Proebus, Va., will now address you.

Dr. Graham spoke in part as follows: Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen: I did not come prepared to deliver a special message to you tonight, I merely came in to get some inspiration and to see what you were doing. I am particularly interested in my race, and for a number of years have been trying in my weak way to lift them up, it is a hard thing to do but we must continue to try. In fact the only thing that will give us reinforced power is our trust in God. We must learn the lesson how to unite and organize. I am a Baptist minister, but if I were not broader than my denomination or even the state in which I live I consider that I would have no right to live. I for one am trying to lift up my race. I care nothing about politics, what we as colored people want to do is to get together. We must learn to do what other races have done and are doing now, if we hope to succeed. The Negro must learn to stop cutting his brother's throat, he is eternally harping after something that's new, he even sings that song in his church, when the preachers will let him. I don't allow any one to sing that song in my church, I can see absolutely no sense in it.

"I don't know how long you have had your Supreme Commander, but if you have had him since your Grand Lodge met here sixteen years ago I want to congratulate him, for most Negroes as I have said before, want something that's new. I wish your Order well, and hope you will succeed."

The Supreme Commander ordered the roll call, and the Supreme Officers-elect, came forward and was duly installed into their respective offices. The Supreme Commander called the Grand Lodge off to meet in the city of Radford the second week in July 1917. The Doxology was sung and benediction pronounced.

The nineteenth Grand Lodge session was pronounced to be in every way a great success and is now a matter of history.

## ARMOND W. SCOTT NEW HEAD OF ELKS' G. L.

*New York Age 8/31/16*  
Elected at Philadelphia to  
succeed Nutter as Grand  
Exalted Ruler.

### WHITE ELKS ATTEMPT SUIT

Applied for Temporary Injunction but



## Withdrew Suit when Negro Lodge Agreed to Allow Case to go to Trial on Its Merits in the Federal District Court of Pennsylvania.

(Special to THE NEW YORK AGE.)

PHILADELPHIA, PA.—The seventeenth annual session of the Grand Lodge, I. B. P. O. E. of the World, came to an end Friday, August 25, after one of the most interesting meetings in its history. T. Gillis Nutter, who had served as grand exalted ruler for three terms, was succeeded by Armond W. Scott of Washington, who thus finds a long-time ambition gratified.

The sessions were held in the Cherry Memorial Baptist Church, and the report of the credentials committee showed that 251 delegates were present from 213 lodges. George E. Bates of Jersey City, the grand secretary, made a report which gave a definite idea of the progress of the order. There was paid during the past year to members of the order for sick benefits \$11,338.72, and \$8,721 in death benefits were paid.

### White Elks Attempt Suit.

The white Elks, under the name of "Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks of the United States," filed a suit for temporary injunction against the Negro grand lodge, to prevent the use by them of the title "Elks." The suit was brought in the Federal district court, but attorneys for the colored lodges denied jurisdiction of that court. The case was compromised by the withdrawal of the plea for a temporary injunction in consideration of the colored Elks agreeing to grant jurisdiction to the Pennsylvania courts. This they did, and the case was placed on the regular calendar of the Federal district court, to be tried on its merits in the regular course of time.

The Negro grand lodge was willing to let the case take this course, especially as these cases of infringement of title have never really gotten into the United States courts on merit. There has always been some technical point on which the court was compelled to decide, with the result that the rights and privileges of either side has always remained afterwards just as they were in the beginning. This case, it is understood, has no "race" bias, but is based simply and solely on the question as to whether or not any other body of men than the Elks of the United States can use the word "Elks" as a part of a designating title.

### Grand Lodge Royally Entertained.

The grand lodge was entertained by the O. V. Catto Lodge of this city, and it was the unanimous verdict of all visitors that the home lodge had surpassed even Philadelphia's noted reputation for hospitality. Elaborate decorations marked both public and private places, and at the Elks' Home a mammoth banner was stretched across South street between 16th and 17th streets, announcing that the Elks were in town.

The annual band concert and exhibi-

tion drill was held at Point Breeze Park, with the first prize of \$100 going to the Monumental Lodge band of Baltimore. The Capitol City band of Richmond, Va., took second prize of \$50. For the best drilled lodge, the Paul Laurence Dunbar Lodge of Wilmington, Del., was awarded \$25. The Capitol City Lodge took two prizes, \$100 for the lodge coming greatest distance and \$50 for best costumed lodge. The grand lodge ball was held in the Academy of Music, Broad and Locust streets, and was one of the greatest functions of the kind ever held in Philadelphia.

### The New Officers.

Officers elected for ensuing term are as follows: Armond W. Scott of Washington, grand exalted ruler; George W. McMechen of Baltimore, G. E. Ld. K.; Paul H. Bray of Yonkers, N. Y., G. E. Loy. K.; A. A. Selden of Boston, G. E. Lect. K.; George E. Bates of Jersey City, grand secretary; James T. Carter of Richmond, Va., grand treasurer; T. C. Strickland of Atlanta, Ga., G. I. G.; P. H. Southall of Minneapolis, G. Esq.; Dr. H. C. Stephens of Wilmington, Del., grand trustee.

The next session will be held at Cleveland, Ohio, in 1917.

## GOOD SHEPHERDS ARE IN ELEVENTH ANNUAL CONVENTION IN SELMA

### Order Founded by Montgomery Negro Makes Excellent Showing

The eleventh annual meeting of the United Order of Good Shepherds of the United States of America, George W. Chandler of Montgomery, founder and president, opened into executive session today at Selma University, Dr. R. T. Pollard, president.

A large number of delegates arrived representing 226 Fountains and Busy Lamps in Alabama, and Florida. The order will be in session four days, closing with a meeting Friday at Shepherdsville, the community of negro farmers established seven years ago and where the order owns 3,100 acres of fine land.

Shepherdsville is located eighteen miles south of Selma, six miles from King's, on the Louisville and Nashville Railroad, and ten miles from Minters.

### Material Work Done.

Some 800 acres of the plantation are cultivated by forty families living in thirty-nine tenant houses built since the farm was purchased by the order. Thirty-five barns and ten corn cribs have been added to the three-story brick building, besides a saw mill, a grist mill, a shingle mill, a store and blacksmith shop. A two-story frame building is in course of erection which will be used as school-house and assembly room.

The Richmond and Selma road runs through four acres of the plantation, and Shepherdsville is the terminus of the rural delivery where mail is delivered daily.

The order operates an auto commercial car which runs from Selma to

Shepherdsville for the accommodation of tourists and white neighbors. The car is patronized extensively by both races.

The order owns six oxen, four mules, hogs and cattle, and seventy-five acres of the plantation are in pastures. Families who sustained damage from the July floods have been helped by the society, and at the Friday meeting meat and meal were given to the tenants to help them until their crops of peas, potatoes and other edibles are raised. The tenants are arranging to plant large corn crops to the stocks in the winter. They now have large crops of velvet beans.

Notwithstanding the damage to the crops on the plantation the society will be able to meet the annual payment on the farm, which payments the order has been able to make every year since the plantation was purchased. The order is composed of 10,000 members whose taxation keeps up the payments on the mortgage debt.

### Opening Sermon Today.

The opening sermon will be preached Wednesday night by Dr. A. J. Stokes of Montgomery, who is a member of the organization and one of its directors. Addresses will be delivered by Dr. J. W. Walker, Dr. D. V. Jemison, Dr. D. M. Coleman and Presiding Elder Smiley of Selma. Prof. F. E. Washington of Pensacola, Rev. Gilvan of Birmingham and Rev. H. N. Newsome, D. D., of Montgomery, also will speak.

Health and Sanitation will be discussed by Dr. L. L. Burwell and Dr. G. W. Moorer of Selma; Dr. D. H. C. Scott, Dr. D. C. Worthcross and Stewart of Montgomery. Rev. A. F. Owens of Selma University, the publicity agent of the society, will attend one of the meetings.

The officers are G. W. Chandler, C. A. Smiley, G. W. Moorer, L. W. Calaway, Bishop J. W. Alstork, E. W. Clarke, G. W. Clarke, G. W. Scott, C. W. Lewis, S. L. Duncan, D. T. West, S. J. Elliott, E. W. Cooke, William Madison, Jr., J. M. Smith, A. F. Owens is publicity agent.

A musical concert will be given at the university Thursday night to raise means to help the tenants on the plantation.

## TRIBUNE

Chicago, Ill.

## ELKS SUE NEGRO LODGE.

Order Seeks to Restrain Alleged Imitators Who Use All Emblems.

Chicago lodge, No. 4, of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks, a corporation, yesterday filed suit asking that Great Lakes lodge, No. 43, Improved Benevolent Order of Elks of the World, a corporation, composed of Negroes, be enjoined from conducting its affairs or using the name of Elks. The bill asserts there is no connection between the two orders, but that the defendant is imitating the original order, even to the use of its badges and emblems, including the elk's head and antlers and the elk's tooth.

## Other Rich Fraternal Organizations Have Decided to Put Money in Banks That Give Race Employment. Forester's Have \$50,000, It Is Said, to Invest in This Way—You Should Follow

### This Example in Stores You Trade With

Memphis and Chattanooga Want Next Meeting—Grand Lodge.

The Robert Elliott Court, Ancient Order of Foresters, has made a step that should be an example for the entire race to follow. At the regular meeting Monday night it was voted to remove \$6,400 from the Illinois Trust and Savings Bank, which does not employ any race help, and to put it in the Corn Exchange National Bank, which gives employment to two men and three girls. The money was transferred Tuesday by Messrs. Hardin, Ferree and Haddock. This move is one that the Defender has been fighting for. The people must patronize those who give employment to the race. The Foresters will move the rest of their \$75,000 in a short time. If the rest of the fraternal orders would follow the example of the Foresters more of our young men and girls would be given a chance of obtaining better positions at good salaries. We bank millions of dollars during the year. We spend thousands of dollars at drug stores that never attempt to hire one of our drug clerks. When you see this simply ask "Haven't you a clerk of our race?" and, if not, walk quietly out. There has been an advertisement in a daily paper for drug clerks

by the manager of one store which relies solely on the trade of our people. This ad was answered by a young man who has his license from the state and has good references, but he was told to come back. Several others went, but received the same reply. A few days later two new faces were behind the counter, but they were white. The other day we noticed the same old steady tramp, tramp of customers going in and out, and only now and then a white one was noticed. Other places right in the midst of our residence district—drug stores, grocery stores and the like where we buy—are thriving, but we fail to insist that one of our race be given employment. Our educated young men and women are roaming the streets and forced to work at jobs that call for unskilled labor or as menials. What is the outlook for the coming generation? We must act and force those white merchants who barter after our trade to give us an equal chance. There is no color line when it comes to ringing up our dollars on the cash register. Therefore there must not be any drawn in the matter of clerks.

The noon hour to-day found the colored Masons again in the middle of a very busy session that was expected to continue well up into the afternoon. The early hours this morning were devoted to hearing reports of the several state grand lecturers. At last reports they had taken up the place of next meeting. Memphis and Chattanooga are fighting for the honor, with the margin evidently in favor of Chattanooga, the colored Masonic stronghold. The election of minor officers will also be completed some time to-day.

The partial election Wednesday resulted as follows: S. M. Strayhorn, Nashville, grand master; C. F. Simmons, Chattanooga, deputy grand master; L. M. Ballard, Memphis, senior grand warden; J. A. Guthrie, Bristol, junior grand warden; W. T. Hightower, Nashville, grand treasurer, and T. B. Hardiman, grand secretary. The two latter officials were also re-elected without contest.

The grand lodge is also in session this afternoon. A great deal of business is yet to be done, and indications are that adjournment will not come before Friday night.

Probably the most attractive reports made during the sessions Wednesday were those of Secretary T. B. Hardiman and Treasurer W. T. Hightower. It was stated that they handled over \$25,000 during the year. The report of the Masonic home board, through Dr. A. M. Townsend, Nashville, also showed the splendid condition of the home located near Greenwood park.

In the way of entertainment the banquet at Odd Fellows' hall Wednesday night afforded the lodge its first official treat. The local committee fed the several hundred delegates and had some to spare. Grand Master Strayhorn acted as toastmaster. Prominent among the speakers were Prof. E. H. Gillian of Chattanooga and Dr. T. Nightingale of Memphis.

The Order of the Eastern Star, the women's department, held a good session this morning. Official reports occupied the whole of the session. They are progressing rapidly with their business matters and are expected to wind up Friday morning. A feature of their transactions Wednesday was the election of officers, which resulted as follows: J. H. Adams, Nashville, grand patron; Ada C. LaPrade, Chattanooga, grand matron; C. D. Hayes, Arlington, associate grand patron; Mrs. Bettie Hayes, Millington, associate grand matron; Mrs. H. L. Mosby, Memphis, grand secretary; Mrs. H. N. Hightower, Nashville, grand treasurer; Millie Bowman, Memphis, grand conductress, and Nannie Perkins, Nashville, associate grand conductress.

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